



A family's charity event, organised in the aftermath of a tragedy. (See page 8).

Bridgend & Porthcawl

GEM



"Your ORIGINAL priceless weekly newspaper"

The area's longest serving Community Newspaper

Established 1983

Weekly audited distribution (52 weeks) to 31/12/09 - 43,445 (GEM Series). Audited by Grinter Johnson Ltd. Chartered Accountants.

www.bridgend-today.co.uk

www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2010

ATTACK LED TO FRACTURED WRIST

Sarn man branded a 'violent bully' after hitting brother

by AJ SICLUNA

A LOCAL man who attacked his brother has been branded "a violent bully" by a judge at Cardiff Crown Court.

Ian Lang, aged 24, of Sarn, was told by Judge Niclas Parry: "There is no other description that I can apply."

Lang, a man with no previous convictions, admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm on 43-year-old Christopher Lang.

He was jailed for 28 weeks, the sentence suspended for 18 months, made subject to a one-

year supervision order, and directed to carry out 140 hours unpaid work for the community.

He was also directed to pay prosecution costs of £200 and compensation to his victim of £750.

Prosecutor Hilary Roberts said that on July 14 the two men became involved in a dispute and, during a scuffle, Ian Lang punched his brother.

More punches were thrown and Christopher Lang fell to the

floor, fracturing his wrist.

When he went to work, his colleagues noticed his injuries, initiated enquiries and Ian Lang was arrested.

He claimed both of them used violence.

The judge told the defendant: "You over-reacted. You have a propensity to lose your temper when you don't get your own way."

The injuries which his brother suffered, he said, were serious.

Added the judge: "You had the good sense to plead guilty and for that I give you maximum credit."

HORROR CRASH KILLS FOUR IN PORTHCAWL



ABOVE: The bark stripped from the tree shows the force of impact when the car left the road. PHOTOGRAPH BY MALCOLM NUGENT.

FOUR men died last week in Porthcawl when their car left the road and flew straight into a tree.

A fifth man, the sole survivor, is in a stable condition in Morriston Hospital after suffering serious injuries.

The car was travelling towards Porthcawl, and had just passed Porthcawl Cemetery, when it left

the road.

A police spokesman said: "Early indications are that the vehicle, a silver coloured Vauxhall Vectra, has lost control, left the carriageway and collided with a tree."

The point of impact on the tree was about six feet up, and the car was reported to have split in two.

The men in the car were all from the Paulsgrove area of

Portsmouth, and the deceased were named as: Tommy Marsh (17); Tommy Elmes (16); Danny Philbrow (43); and Lewis Michael Mackley (19).

Any persons who may have information to assist the police in their investigation are requested to phone South Wales Police Roads Policing Unit on 02920 633 438 or contact the non emergency number 101.

Council ponders the cost of staff sick days

SICKNESS absence at Bridgend County Borough Council's four care homes cost £308,000 in a year, as managers brought in other staff or increased overtime levels to cover.

This information was given to a special panel set up by the council's corporate resources and improvement scrutiny committee to investigate levels of sickness absence.

The cost to the council at the care homes also includes a further £337,000, which was the wages paid to staff members while they were off sick.

The panel was set up after the council received figures for 2007-08, which showed that public sector absence levels in the UK stood at between 9 and

9.8 days off sick per full-time employee.

The figure within Bridgend at that time was much higher – at 14.8 days.

This compares to the Welsh local government average of 11.5 days, 9.6 days average in English councils and just 5.8 days in the private sector.

Absence levels in Bridgend have dropped since, with the figure for 2008-09 standing at 14.3 days and further reductions are in the pipeline for 2009, thought to be 21 per cent.

These reductions have been put down to the higher priority now given to the management of sickness absence by the chief officers and cabinet, and dedicated training for managers who conduct 'return to work' interviews.

The panel found that the council needs more detailed information

about the nature of sickness absence, so that patterns can be identified and analysed.

They want more detailed information about the age group of absentees, the grade post that they hold and the type of work they do.

The council does not record the cost of sickness absence at the moment, even though the Wales Audit Office has said it is good practice for organisations to report regularly on the amount of money paid out via sick pay.

The panel felt that it was important to put a figure on the cost of sickness and it found that sickness absence cost BCBC £3.5m in salaries in a year – the equivalent of employing an extra 294 employees.

The panel made a series of recommendations which have been accepted by the scrutiny committee and will now go before cabinet.

Deadline passes for election hopefuls

THERE will be a six-way fight in both the Bridgend and Ogmore Constituencies at the general election on May 6.

The four main parties are joined in both seats by candidates from the BNP and UKIP.

Both seats were held by Labour.

The full nominations (listed alphabetically) are:

BRIDGEND: Helen Baker, Conservative; David Edward Fulton, UKIP; Madeleine Moon, Labour; Wayne Morgan, Liberal Democrat; Nicholas Huw Thomas, Plaid Cymru and Brian Morgan Urch, British National BNP.

OGMORE: Danny Clark, Plaid Cymru; Huw Irrance-Davies, Labour; Emma Sophie Moore, Conservative; Carolyn Ann Passey, UKIP; Jackie Radford, Liberal Democrat and Kay Thomas, BNP.

Brynteg teacher cleared of rape and drug charge

by AJ SICLUNA

THE head of Welsh at a Mid-Glamorgan comprehensive School has been cleared of allegations at Cardiff Crown Court that he raped a 19-year-old woman he met at a Southerndown pub and supplied cocaine.

But 38-year-old Huw Elystan Davies pleaded guilty to possessing the drug, worth about £50, and was fined £515.

If he fails to pay the fine, he will go to prison for 14 days.

Davies, of Bridgend, who taught at Brynteg Comprehensive School and was also a local councillor and school governor, was awarded his defence costs.

Davies, a man with no previous convictions, denied the charges of rape and supplying cocaine.

Prosecutor Leighton Hughes said: "This is day six of the trial. The jury has heard the entire prosecution case, save for the evidence of the police interviews."

He said that he had to consider whether the available evidence provided for a realistic prospect of a conviction, and was the prosecution of the accused in the public interest.

He said he considered that the evidence had changed dramatically and had been undermined significantly.

Therefore, he said, he had reached the conclusion that it would be

inappropriate for the prosecution to seek a conviction on the evidence available.

He offered no further evidence and Davies was formally found not guilty.

It had been claimed that Davies met the girl in a Southerndown pub and she returned with him to his home where, it is claimed, she was raped.

Davies later told the police that he didn't supply her with cocaine and she willingly had sex with him.

Judge Stephen Hopkins told Davies: "There is a myth that cocaine leads to no real harm. Nothing could be further from the truth."

He said it could lead to physical and psycho-

logical addiction and could cause a personality disorder.

He said: "You were, at the time of your arrest, a teacher at Brynteg Comprehensive School."

"What a truly dreadful example you have set".

The judge said he would be "horrified" to learn that his son or daughter had been in his charge.

Davies' reputation, he said, was now irreparably damaged.

Defence counsel Elwan Evans QC said it was a difficult case to litigate because of the consequences of the allegations.

"He has lost everything," she said.

Throughout the case, she said his family had fully supported him.

Local airport is silent as ash cloud arrives

BY the time GEM readers pick up this newspaper, flights should be arriving and departing once again from Cardiff Airport – volcanic ash permitting!

In fact, over the six days when flights were banned for safety reasons, only one plane

landed at the airport.

On Sunday evening, a British Airways 747 test flight, bearing chief executive Willie Walsh, which had flown from Heathrow and then 550 miles out into the Atlantic, touched down – the only passenger aircraft in UK airspace at the time.

It was then tested to see whether the concentration of ash in the air

had caused any damage.

The data collected was then passed back to the authorities.

After a six day flight ban, restrictions were lifted by the National Air Traffic Services at 10pm on Tuesday, and passengers were being advised to contact airlines for information as airports struggled to get back to normal.

COMEDIAN STAN IS THE MAN AT PORTHCAWL CIVIC LUNCH



ABOVE: The Mayor chats with some of the diners.

ALMOST £1,000 was raised for the Mayor of Porthcawl's charity fund at a Civic Luncheon held at the Seabank Hotel.

Everyone was welcomed by Mayor Rosemary Deere and her consort David Deere.

The lunch was followed by a humorous talk by veteran Welsh comedian Stan Stennett MBE, who recalled his many links with Porthcawl.

He said that as a boy on his grandmother's farm at Rhiwceiog, trips to Porthcawl were the highlight of the year.

Later, as an entertainer, he staged his summer show and pantomimes in the Grand Pavilion for many years and said he would be

very happy to return and do a show.

Although now 85, Mr Stennett was as lively as ever and after telling a series of jokes and stories, he rounded off with a sing-a-long, accompanied by himself on the guitar.

He was thanked for this highly entertaining interlude by the deputy mayor Coun Mary Emmett Lewis, who also recalled her family's connections with him.

A highly successful raffle was held and this was followed by an auction of drawings and paintings donated by George Goddard of Silures Art Gallery.

Mr Stennett, whose son Ceri is involved with the Welsh Football team, donated a signed football shirt and David

Deere used his considerable skills as an auctioneer to coax the best price for all items out of the crowd.

The master of ceremonies for the event was John Berry and grace was said by Canon Philip Masson.

The mayor has chosen local groups to share the proceeds of her appeal.

They are Porthcawl Counselling Service, Porthcawl RNLI, Porthcawl Coastguard, Porthcawl Cancer Research committee and Porthcawl youth organisations.

The civic lunch was the final fund raising event of her year and the grand total of money raised will be announced shortly.



ABOVE: Stan Stennett with Wendy David and Ruth Birch of the Royal British Legion with Coun Rosemary Deere.

Consent is granted for new youth centre at Pencoed

THE PROPOSED new youth centre for Pencoed may now go on part of the tennis courts at Velindre Road.

The Development Control Committee has granted consent for the modular building to be placed on the disused tennis courts which are in a sports complex.

Although consent had been received to place the youth centre on a children's playground at the rear of Heol Las, there were objections to this from residents.

The new scheme proposes siting the centre on the most easterly of four tennis courts and it would provide users with a main hall, computer room, kitchen-diner, quiet room, office, toilets and storage areas.

The applicants are the Bridgend Youth Service, which would operate the centre.

The wider community would also have use of the building and some activities would be aimed at them.

The centre would be open up to four evenings a week until 9pm and may occasionally open at weekends. During the day, various training programmes for young people would take place and other organisations would also use it to stage their own sessions.

Evening activities will include cooking, IT workshops, sport, music, dance, arts and crafts.

There are no planning objections to the plan even though some outdoor recreational facilities will be lost because the scheme would be complementary to that.

Police have expressed

concern about the security of the building especially as there will be computers within it.

They have recommended extra security measures to protect the IT equipment and also want a six feet high perimeter fence made of welded mesh constructed with grilles or roller shutters on windows. They also want a burglar alarm installed.

Residents of Felindre Road have objected on a number of grounds, including inadequate car parking, the loss of the tennis courts, flooding risk as the site is on a flood plain, road safety, noise and disturbance and an increase in anti-social behaviour problems from young people attracted to the club.

They are also concerned about extra security lighting creating light pollution.

Residents have been supported by the Lawn Tennis Association, the Wales Tennis

Association and the Sports Council for Wales, who are all concerned about the loss of tennis courts which could be brought back into use.

But planning officer Dave Llewelyn said that the centre would occupy half of one tennis court and only one tennis court would be lost. The club would be more than 120 yards from the nearest houses resulting in a minimum of disruption and noise.

It was felt that as the users would be youngsters too young to drive, there was no need to increase car parking at the sports complex and there was unlikely to be an increase in traffic hazards.

Mr Llewelyn recommended granting consent because the scheme would not adversely affect privacy, highway safety or harm neighbour's amenities.

The application was granted.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
22 Thur	00.24	8.0	13.12	7.8
23 Fri	01.49	7.9	14.37	7.9
24 Sat	03.09	8.2	15.58	8.4
25 Sun	04.22	8.7	16.49	8.8
26 Mon	05.13	9.3	17.42	9.4
27 Tues	06.02	9.7	18.32	9.7
28 Wed	06.56	9.9	19.16	10.0
29 Thur	07.37	10.0	19.58	9.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Top award for tourism centre

BRIDGEND Borough Council's tourist information centre based at the Bridgend Designer Outlet has won top marks from the Assembly for service to the public under a mystery shopper scheme.

Supervisor Allison Tomlinson said: "It was great to hear that the Bridgend TIC team did so well in the latest WAG TIC mystery shopper exercise. This proves our commitment to delivering excellent customer service to our visitors."

"We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team who help and sup-

port each other. We always strive to give the best customer service, so it is very gratifying to be recognised for this achievement of coming first in Wales out of 60 TICs."

Bridgend County Borough Council Deputy Leader Coun David Sage added: "What a feather in the cap for Bridgend TIC! We frequently get fantastic feedback and website reviews complimenting our staff so this is thoroughly deserved."

"The mystery shopper exercise just goes to prove that residents and tourists alike can be assured of a warm and informed welcome when they visit."

Art Society meeting

ON Thursday, April 29 at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge, the art society is pleased to welcome Robin Gray, who will be demonstrating sketching techniques.

On May 1, Doug Eaton will be returning to give a workshop in acrylics, or other materials if preferred. This will be held at a different venue - St Hilary Village Hall - from 10am-4pm. Enquiries to 01446 775735. Non-members are welcome to attend either meeting.

LOCAL INFORMATION

MADELEINE MOON MP for Bridgend
Westminster office - 02072194417. Constituency office - 47 Noltton Street, Bridgend. Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10am - 12pm (by appointment only). Telephone 01656 750002.
HUW IRRANCA-DAVIES MP for Gogme
Constituency Office 01656 737777
JANICE GREGORY AM for Gogme
Constituency Office 01656 860034
CARWYN JONES AM for Bridgend
Constituency office 01656 664320
Bethan Jenkins AM for South West Wales
Telephone 01639 643549

BRIDGEND CAB Citizens' Advice Bureau, Ground Floor, 26 Dunraven Place, Bridgend CF31 1JD 01656 654951 - Open: Monday: 10am to 2pm - information only; Tuesday to Friday: 10am to 12.30pm - advice sessions. Tuesday to Friday 12.30pm to 1.30pm - information only.
MAESTEG CAB Citizens' Advice Bureau 01656 734662

POLICE Bridgend 01656 655555

Porthcawl 01656 785411

Maesteg 01656 732122

CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555111

(Emergency number 999)

COASTGUARD 01792 366534

GAS (escapes and emergency) 0800 111999

ELECTRICITY (power cuts) 0800 0520400

WATER SUPPLY (emergency) 0800 0520130

FLOOD LINE 0845 9881188

HELPLINES

Alcohol and drugs:

Drinkline 0800 9178282

National Drugs Helpline 0800 776600

DASH 01656 650686

SSAFA - Forces Help for serving and ex-service men, women and families in need 01656 785435

RAF Association Welfare Officer

01495 249522/01446 740522

SAMARITANS (emotional support) 01656 662333

MENTAL DISTRESS

(Mental Health Matters) 01656 767045

CHILDLINE 0800 1111

NSPCC 0800 800500

RSPCA 0300 123 0744

WOMEN'S AID 01656 766139

Bridgend Carers' Centre 01656 658479

Alzheimer's Society (Bridgend) 01656 651490

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Housing service

(General inquiries) 01656 643643;

(emergencies out of hours) 01656 643643;

(homelessness) 01656 643643.

EDUCATION 01656 643643

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES 01656 642677

HIGHWAYS (drains, blockages etc) 01656 643643

HIGHWAYS EMERGENCIES

(outside normal working hours) 07831 143600

SOCIAL SERVICES

(general enquiries) 01656 642200

SOCIAL SERVICE EMERGENCIES

(outside normal working hours) 01443 204010

HOSPITALS Princess of Wales Hospital,

Bridgend 01656 752752/668090.

Bridgend and District NHS Trust

01656 752752/668090.

VOLUNTARY WORK Bridgend Association of

Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) 01656 810400

TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Brackla Community Council 01656 767072

Bridgend Town Council 01656 659943

Cefn Cribwr Community Council 01656 741354

Coity Higher Community Council 01656 656358

Cornelly Community Council 07882 044798

Pyle Community Council 0790 460 4049

Coychurch Higher Comm Council 01656 863418

Coychurch Lower Comm Council 01656 647216

Garw Valley Community Council 01656 736751

Laleston Community Council 01656 656506

Llangynwyd Lower Comm Council 01656 720086

Llangynwyd Middle Comm Council 01656 738804

Maesteg Town Council 01656 732631

Merthyr Mawr Community Council 01656 670058

Newcastle Higher Comm Council 01446 750663.

Ogmore Valley Community Council 01656 849402

Pencoed Town Council 01656 869031

Porthcawl Town Council 01656 782215

St Brides Minor Comm Council 01656 725031

Ynysawdre Community Council 01656 736751

The GEM - A family owned newspaper covering Penarth to Porthcawl!

"We hope you enjoy your GEM"

CAROLINE ATTYA
General Manager
& Editorial Director
CLARE GORE
Assistant to General Manager

"We aim to use all local news items submitted"

Please email us at:
ggem@internet-today.co.uk
DON JOHN
Editorial Manager

Professional advertising staff are highly experienced in planning advertising campaigns.
Please email your enquiry to
gemsales@internet-today.co.uk

Enquiries concerning payment of accounts may be discussed with our Accounts Manager
MARGARET VANDERWARKER
on 01446 774484

VISIT OUR WEBSITES:
cowbridge-today.co.uk
barry-today.co.uk
llantwit-major-today.co.uk
bridgend-today.co.uk

For all enquiries concerning the distribution of this newspaper, please telephone 01446 774484

All advertisements are accepted under our conditions of acceptance.
A copy of this is on display at our Cowbridge office, or will be sent out upon request

Write to us at:
GLAMORGAN GEM,
GRAIG HOUSE,
53 EASTGATE,
COWBRIDGE,
CF71 7EL
Tel: 01446 774484
or email us at:
ggem@internet-today.co.uk

DEATH OF LONGEST-SERVING MEMBER Tributes are paid to RNLI stalwart Mike

THE longest serving volunteer member of Porthcawl RNLI operational team has died following a short illness.

Mike Evans, aged 60, served as Deputy Launch Authority for the past 13 years having already served for 27 years on the crew.

Ian Stroud, of Porthcawl RNLI, supplied the following tribute:

Mike Evans joined the Royal National Lifeboat Institution as a volunteer crew member on June 18, 1969, just a few days before his 20th birthday.

At that time, he was also a member of Porthcawl Lifeguard Club, and along with his older brothers, had been involved in building the club's base at Rhych Point.

The youngest of four sons, he moved to Porthcawl as a seven-year-old and was brought up in the licensing trade when his parents Ken and Cath Evans kept the Ship and Castle Public House, The Square, Porthcawl.

The lure of emigrating saw Mike take a two-year break in service with the lifeboat. With the £10 assisted passage available in 1971, he and his new bride Myra left the UK to join his older brother David in Australia.

In 1973, the young couple returned to Porthcawl and Mike rejoined the crew of Porthcawl Lifeboat, where he responded to hundreds of calls over his 40 years of service.

Having settled back into Porthcawl, Mike enjoyed a laid back approach to life. His loves were his family, and the sea.

Father to Lance,

Kylie, Jodie and Louise, he also treasured his three grandchildren and would regularly be seen walking with them along Eastern Promenade to the lifeboat station.

"He had a special sense of humour," Myra said. "Recently, when in hospital, a nurse asked him if he was allergic to anything, he smiled and pointed to me and said only her. He always referred to me as his stalking best friend."

Mike served the community throughout his life; he had been employed at the Princess of Wales Hospital for the past 25 years, initially as a bricklayer but more recently as a painter.

A colleague said that his sense of humour was also well known in work, he would regularly be seen walking the wards with a tin of paint and no brush!

Close friend and fellow RNLI colleague Ross Martin said: "Mike had a passion for the sea. A few years ago we bought a sailing boat together and sailed from Monkstone Yacht Club, Briton Ferry. He will also be sadly missed by fellow sailors at the club, who all knew him as a jovial and very likeable man."

The cremation was held at Bridgend on Friday, April 9, with the coffin escorted by Porthcawl Coastguards and Porthcawl RNLI personnel. Lifeboat operations manager, Philip Missen MBE, said: "Mike's funeral was very special, with family, friends, and work and RNLI colleagues packed into the crematorium. Family and lifeboat friends contributed to the service with special memories in celebration of his life."

"We had arranged the 'scattering of ashes' at



Mike Evans with brother Ken and (right) at an RNLI event.

BELOW:
The RNLI set out to scatter Mike's ashes.

Photographs by
Steve Jones.



sea on Monday evening; several craft, including Port Talbot lifeboat, escorted our lifeboat out to a position just off the Round Tower at Porthcawl harbour.

"It was very emotional to say goodbye to such a good friend and loyal RNLI volunteer. Our thoughts are very much with Myra and the family, and to our fellow crew members, many of whom have grown up with Mike being their friend and mentor."



Ian Stroud added: "Mike was an experienced crew member and we shared several years together on the crew. If we went on a shout together and he was on the helm, you knew that you were in good hands whatever the sea conditions."

"Inshore lifeboat crew have to retire at the age of 45, but such was Mike's fitness and seamanship he was allowed to stay on for a couple of extra years."

'Air quality is OK' say council watchdogs

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is offering advice and reassurance to residents following the volcanic dust which has led to wide-scale grounding of flights.

The authority's public protection department is monitoring how pollution may impact on local air quality.

As part of the council's local air quality monitoring role, officers continuously monitor various atmospheric pollutants, including fine particles at locations across the county borough.

A BCBC spokeswoman said: "Although the main focus is on monitoring emissions from local sources such as road traffic and mineral working, officers have in the past been able to record emissions generated from events

further afield, including sand storms from North Africa and previous volcanic activity in Iceland.

"The public protection department is not expecting any significant deposits of ash locally because it is very high in the atmosphere but they will be monitoring the results for Bridgend county borough and keeping up to date with Met office advice for the region over the coming days.

"Although the volcanic ash is not considered a health threat, it is sensible for people with existing respiratory conditions such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema and asthma to ensure they keep their inhalers or other medications with them. The Health Protection Agency, Public Health Wales and the Met Office will continue to monitor the situation and issue any further advice or updates as necessary."

New volunteer project gives Wildmill's park a complete make-over

THE community park in Wildmill, Bridgend, is benefiting from a face lift – thanks to a new initiative that matches the local unemployed with community environmental projects.

A former quarry, the park has been vandalised over recent years but it is now being regenerated by volunteers on the BTCV Family Employment Initiative.

The team of 15 are building new footpaths and improving the access by clearing the area of litter and dangerous trees.

The Family Employment Initiative is a European-funded £3 million programme that matches local families to community environmental projects, giving them the chance to gain confidence and motivational skills in preparation for employment.

Targeted at the hardest to reach individuals, the scheme acts as a precursor to formal training initiatives allowing 3,500 people to take the first steps to finding a job.

The project is funded with £1.6m from the Convergence European Social Fund, £400,000 from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and £200,000 from Communities First.

First through the Welsh Assembly Government, as well as funding from Countryside Council for Wales, Bridgend County Borough Council and Valleys to Coast.



BTCV project co-ordinator, Neil Matthews, with Daniel Jones, Dan Barnard and Dafydd Balston.

The project coordinator for BTCV Cymru, Neil Matthews said: "Our aim is to help individuals and families overcome the economic and social effects of long-term benefit receipt, offering support to long-term inactive entrants as a precursor to employment and training."

"The project in Wildmill is a great example of what can be achieved by local people who want to make a difference. The community park is being brought back to life with improved landscaping, new pathways and play areas for children."

Former teacher, 42-year-old Dafydd Balston of Wildmill, registered with the Family Employment Initiative having lost his job following health problems.

He heard about it from his local job centre and has since learnt new skills, including green skills and landscaping.

He commented: "Not only has the project enabled me to learn new skills, but it has been a great boost to my confidence and motivation to meet new people and get out and about."

"The sense of team work and camaraderie is fantastic, and I have real pride in what we have achieved on behalf of the community. Volunteering has changed my life and I now hope to secure part-time work while continuing with the good work that BTCV does in my local area."

Franco's marathon

BRIDGEND businessman Franco Scuto is running the London Marathon for the third successive year.

Mr Scuto is the flamboyant restaurateur who runs Il Panino on Dunraven Place.

He is running to raise money for the Bridgend charity Home Start which helps young families in the area.

He is hoping to complete the race in under three-and-a-half hours and has been training hard. Anyone interested in sponsoring him can do so at the café.

Battle of bands at Bridgend Rec

YOUNG bands from all over south Wales will be competing in The Gathering's 'Battle of the Bands' final at Bridgend Recreation Centre this Saturday April 24, from 1pm – 10pm, to win cash, media and music industry prizes.

Supported by the South Wales Music Forum (comprising of eight local authorities) and Rockschoool, The Gathering is an ideal opportunity to showcase young Welsh rock talent aged up to 18, and to

catch them live before they make it big.

In the final are: Offset (Bridgend county borough), The Venue, Innovance, Evolution and Decoy (Gwent) Librarian's Worst Nightmare (Merthyr Tydfil), Stars and Flights (Neath Port Talbot), and Ladies Love A Superhero (Rhondda Cynon Taff).

Prizes include a top prize of £500 for the winners and £250 for the two runners up, two days recording time in the Manic Street Preachers' Cardiff studios with an engineer, and many other fantastic music industry and media opportunities.

Looking for a canine friend?

ANYONE looking for a canine companion can jump aboard a special bus in Porthcawl that could match them with their perfect pet.

The Dogs Trust in Court Colman, Penyfa, has arranged for a courtesy bus to be in Porthcawl tomorrow (Friday, April 23) to bring people who cannot drive to the centre to see if they can find their perfect companion.

The minibus will pick up from the Grand Pavilion at 11.30am, and

there is still time to book a place on the minibus by calling the centre on 01656 725219.

A spokeswoman said: "The bus will come back to the centre at 1pm to drop people back at the Grand Pavilion."

"We hope people who cannot drive will take this rare opportunity of a free bus by jumping on it and visiting the centre."

"We know our centre can be too far out for many people who do not have transport of their own, and we thought we would trial a free bus and see how successful it might be."

5% Discount with this ad

OPENING MAY 1st
Mon-Sat 9.30 to 5.30

Tea, Coffee, Champagne welcome.
Come and look around.

Handmade, Organic, Eco-friendly, Fairtrade Products

4 High Street, Barry 01446 721339

DELI-LICIOUS
Freshly prepared food to go...

07772 945983

57 Noltan Street, BRIDGEND CF31 3AE

- All food freshly prepared on the premises
- Business lunches delivery service available
- Daily delivery round, please call to be included

Local Rotary club aims to cut stroke risk

SATURDAY, April 24, will be 'Stroke Awareness Day' and the Rotary Club of Porthcawl, in conjunction with the Stroke Association, will be encouraging residents and visitors to pop into Trinity Church, John Street, 10am – 4pm and have their blood pressure measured.

Nurses and doctors will be on hand to measure blood pressure, and if raised, people will be advised to visit their doctor for a follow up test and treatment. This short, simple, free test only takes a few minutes, but could help to save lives.

High blood pressure is a key risk factor for stroke, which can strike at any age; it is the third most common cause of death in the UK and the single most common cause of severe disability.

As there are often no symptoms of raised blood pressure, Porthcawl Rotarians are hoping many people will take the opportunity of getting this free health check.

For further information about stroke and the Stroke Association please visit www.stroke.org.uk

For further information about Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, please visit www.rotary-ribi.org

Pencoed police try new tactic to reduce anti social behaviour

NEIGHBOURHOOD police officers in Pencoed have launched an initiative aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour in the area.

Police Constable Paul Harward and his colleagues have been running a scheme to get young people involved in community activities, and they are then rewarded by free activities or treats – an idea which appears to be successful so far.

PC Harward said: "The area has suffered from a large amount of anti-social behaviour by groups of youths, with the most likely explanation being that they are badly provided for in terms of activities, leading to boredom."

"I tell the youngsters about these community activities, and the beauty of it is that I do not tell



ABOVE:
PCSO Meurig Coleman (left)
PC Paul Harward with the young litter pickers in Pencoed.

them what their treat will be, and they come back time and again."

The efforts of the police seems to be working considerably better than previous operations, which centred around directly targeting the badly-behaved youths and 'cracking down' on them.

Village green application turned down

AN application to register a piece of land in North Cornelly as a village green has been rejected.

Villagers argued that the land at Ffordd yr Eglwys has been used as a community playing fields for many years, but it is owned by Bridgend County Borough Council, which objected to the application.

The council said that the land in question was a

designated open space and the public had exercised a lawful right to use it for sport, and it had not been used as of right which implies a form of open trespass.

They said that the application did not satisfy the requirements of the Commons Act 2006.

A public inquiry was set up to look at the arguments and the inspector has decided that the application should be rejected. This decision has now been confirmed by the full council.

A lesson on Victoria's royal jewels

MYNYDD CYNFFIG WI

THE April meeting was held in

Pisgah Chapel vestry on April 13 with Mrs E Rymer in the chair.

Our speaker this month was Mrs Lillian Charles, who gave an illustrated talk entitled 'The Royal Jewels'. She spoke briefly about the famous crowns worn by kings and queens for their coronations and explained that the present collection of priceless diamond jewellery was built up by Queen Victoria, who was an avid collector and commissioned many pieces from Garrards, the royal jewellers in London.

Her husband, Prince Albert, gave her many gifts of brooches and necklaces that he had designed himself, and these pieces are still

worn today by the Queen and other female members of the Royal Family.

Mrs Charles went on to show slides of Queen Alexandra, Queen Mary, and our present Queen wearing items of jewellery from the collection.

Queen Mary, our present Queen's grandmother, had created jewellery using the famous Cullinan diamond which was split into several different pieces.

Members enjoyed the stories behind the pictures and a vote of thanks to Mrs Charles was given by Mrs Jeanette Morgan.

The next meeting will be on May 11, when Mrs Margaret Richards will report on her enjoyable weekend at the WI college at Denman.

MARJORIE GOODE

Hooker Garin runs marathon for charity

A MAESTEG opticians is teaming up with the former Wales rugby international Garin Jenkins to support his marathon effort to raise funds for an international relief charity.

Jenkins, Wales's most capped hooker, is running the London Marathon this Sunday, April 25 in aid of Samaritan's Purse UK, and Specsavers on Talbot Street has joined forces with other stores across Wales to raise £1,000 in sponsorship.

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian relief and development organisation that works through local churches to support people suffering from war, poverty, natural disaster and disease in more than 100 countries. Its projects include Operation Christmas Child, Disaster Relief and HIV/AIDs, as well as water and sanitation relief projects.

Garin Jenkins has experienced first-hand the work of the organisation, having visited Liberia last year on a volunteering trip.

He said: "When I travelled to Liberia last year, I saw the devastation that 15 years of war had brought to the area and the amazing work the Samaritan's Purse under-

and a paintball trip, both of which were well supported by local youngsters.

He is also investigating the possibility of establishing more activities at the local welfare hall, with the young people providing ideas about five-a-side football or discos, together with paintball afternoons.

It is hoped that the success that PC Harward has also been able to arrange a rock climbing evening

community as a whole.

Just as well, because a light shower fell and as

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS NEWS

From Eog Mor to Ogmores Castle on Easter Sunday

ON Easter Sunday, Clive added an extra walk to the programme and was joined by six members for a lovely local walk beginning at Ogmores-by-Sea (Aberogwr – translated as mouth of the Ogmores).

The ancient name of Ogmores was Eog Mor – meaning salmon water, but over the years when this was transcribed by monks, it slowly became Oggmore and then the modern Ogmores, which it seems has stuck.

As the sun shone, the group made their way along the coastal footpath in a westerly direction and then climbing uphill, turned inland at West Farm and followed a bridle path that led them past Groes Farm onto the road at Heol-y-mynydd.

Looking back towards the sea, the group had an uninterrupted view of a complete rainbow, high-arched in the sky above Porthcawl and the sky had turned grey as if rain was approaching.

They took advantage of a stone wall to shelter them from the westerly wind and stopped for morning coffee while keeping an eye on the changing skyline.

Just as well, because a light shower fell and as



Ogmores Castle.

it appeared that they were right on the edge of the encroaching rain, they were somewhat surprised to encounter a brief hail storm as they were preparing to move off.

Passing through the hamlet of Heol-y-mynydd, the group crossed part of the Southerndown golf course and from Ogmores Down descended to the main coastal road.

They made their way to the footbridge that crosses the River Ewenny and crossing Ogmores Moor, the white suspension bridge over the River Ogmores, led them into the village of Merthyr Mawr.

Merthyr Mawr is probably best known for its sand dune system where the 'Big Dipper' is the second highest dune in all Europe, and secondly as a pretty village with its stone-built thatched cottages nestling around the village green and church

dedicated to St Teilo and built during the mid 1800s.

This lovely church has many stained glass windows, including two at the south end dedicated to St Teilo and St David, and at the rear is an open shed that contains ancient memorial stones. Some of these date back to AD800 and the name Merthyr Mawr or Great Martyrium (or shrine) implies a cemetery of some importance.

The church registers date from 1813 and indicate that unknown sailors who were washed up on the nearby shore were laid to rest there. The church yard is renowned for the display of various flowers that cover it in late spring.

and the porch was decorated with flower displays for the Easter weekend, a very important date in the Christian calendar.

Retracing their steps, the group made their way back to the ruins of Ogmores Castle for a lunch break. The castle was built down in the valley, as opposed to a hilltop, because it guarded an important major fording place. William de Londres established the first stronghold built of earth and timber there in 1116, which later was reinforced with stone.

By the latter part of the Middle Ages, the castle ceased to have any military worth and the whole estate, eventually through marriage, became part of the Duchy of Lancaster and remains so to this day.

Following lunch, the group made their return along the valley beside the Rover Ogmores for the journey home after a very pleasant seven mile walk.

JOY STRANGWARD

Caerau Post Office is still in limbo

The post office in Caerau remains closed while interviews are carried out with people wishing to run the service in the village.

A spokesman for the Post Office said that they wanted to re-open postal services in Caerau as soon as possible. He said that they apologise to customers for the temporary closure of the branch.

The closure has caused mayhem in the main post office in Maesteg, where customers report long queues. It is unclear how long it will take to get a service up and running again in Caerau.

It is also unclear if the post office will remain in situ, with a different person taking over a lease on the building, or whether it would move to different premises which will cause delay as the safe and other electronic equipment will have to be transferred.

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr G Holland – 40 The Green Avenue, Porthcawl – extensions to the front and rear, including a roof replacement.

Mr N Patel – Post Office, 26 The Strand, Blaengarw, Bridgend – install retractable awning to fascia of post office.

GP Property Co – Royal Hotel, Bridgend Road, Pontycymer, Bridgend – toilet and bedroom extension to rear of existing hotel.

Mrs N Griffiths – 100 Parc Tyn y Wau, Llangynwyd, Maesteg – first floor extension above existing garage and kitchen to provide bedroom and study to side of property.

Mr N Moody – Bridgend & District Model Eng Society, Fountain Road, Aberkenfig, Bridgend – sitting two portable office buildings for the building of model railway layouts

and associated activities by society members.

Mr T Buntun – Gweld y Mynydd, Mountain Lane, Llangenor, Bridgend – elevated patio with wood panelling, pillars and wrought iron work.

Mrs D Thomas – 29 Well Street, Laleston, Bridgend – two storey side extension and front single storey extension.

Mr and Mrs Rinaldi – rear garden of 29 Orchard Drive, Porthcawl – one detached bungalow with bedroom accommodation in roof space.

Mr WP Stenstrom – 20 Ton Teg, Pencoed – single storey extension to front of property.

Bridgend Custodial Services Ltd – HMP & YOI Parc, Heol Hopycn John, Coity, Bridgend – retention of contractors' access road and vehicle lock as a vehicle store.

Read your GEM online: bridgend-today.co.uk or porthcawl-today.co.uk

Kenfig Hill woman's award for 50 years of union work



ABOVE: Pat Phillips, retired divisional officer, USDAW, presenting Gretta with an engraved silver plate



ABOVE: Gretta (left) and friends at the dinner.



ABOVE: Gretta with Peter Evans and Dennis Stinchcombe of USDAW, as they present her with her 50 Years' Membership Certificate, badge and pen set. Maria MacAndrew, USDAW secretary, presented Gretta with bouquet of flowers

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

AT a dinner held at the Aberavon Beach Hotel, Mrs Margaretta (Gretta) Rogers of Kenfig Hill, received a 50 Year Membership Award for full time service to the Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW).

Gretta became a full time officer for the USDAW in 1960. She was known as an area organiser and at the time was the only female full

time officer in Wales.

Located initially at No 4, Newport Road, Cardiff, Gretta then moved to her permanent office at No 5, Mansel Street, Swansea. From there she covered an area extending from Bridgend to Aberystwyth. As an area organiser, she was responsible for workers in shops, factories and warehouses.

Gretta's duties required her to organise both male and female members, to sit on tribunals and medical appeals, and to hold discussions with directors

and management on difficult problems including accidents. As a full time officer of the union, Gretta had to travel many miles to attend evening meetings and to speak at union and Labour Party conferences.

She was fortunate to have a very good secretary who enabled her to keep close tabs on all her responsibilities, engagements and activities.

Gretta completed her 50th year in office in June 2009, but it was only recently that the opportunity has presented itself for the award to be made.

The ceremony at the Aberavon Beach Hotel, was organised by Maria

MacAndrew, secretary of the Aberavon Branch of USDAW. Following dinner, those present were entertained by members of the Victoria Trahar Port Talbot School of Irish Dance.

After the dancing, Nigel Davies, area organiser of USDAW, made the introduction before calling on Dennis Stinchcombe, executive councillor of USDAW, to present the 50 Years' Membership Certificate Award to Gretta.

He also presented Gretta with a badge and pen set.

An engraved silver plate was presented to Gretta by Maria MacAndrew, secretary of the Aberavon Branch of USDAW.

Others present at the award ceremony included Peter Evans, area organiser, USDAW, Alun Williams, area organiser, USDAW, and Bernard Geary, shop steward, USDAW.

'West Country night' raises cash for Y Bont

RIGHT: Linda Knight, with granddaughter Ffion, who attends Y Bont and who was the inspiration for the Wurzell's night, presenting the cheque to Mags Griffiths, manager of Y Bont.



A SELL-OUT 'Scrumpy and Western' evening was recently held at the Talbot Institute, Kenfig Hill.

A bunch of local 'yokels' made up the 'Welsh Wurzell Morris Dancers and Singers'...namely Andrea Jenkins, Linda Williams, Linda, Neil, Michelle and Ragahner Knight, and Liz and Clive Williams. Local singer Tilley

disco ended the evening.

The prize for best fancy dress went to David John, and Janice Williams won the coveted 'Golden Gurner' trophy!

Linda Knight said: "It was a very well-supported night with all ages, ranging from young farmers to great grannies!"

"A total of £525.31 was raised for Y Bont."

AT THE PACT meeting held at the church hall on April 7, the parking outside the cafe and Post Office at Ogmores-by-Sea was discussed.

Parking cones and notices are to continue for the time being at the entrance from the main road, Ogmores-by-Sea to the Rivermouth car park. Speed bumps are to be installed at agreed positions in the car park.

MOTHER'S UNION

St Bride's Mother's Union met for their monthly meeting when the guest speaker was Mike Clubb, who told, with film of the history of Island Farm, of 'The Great Escape' from there. It was a most interesting evening.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the Community Council meeting held on April 12 at the church hall, it was resolved to write to the Vale Council regarding the quality of

air in the area.

A letter is so sent to the Vale Council regarding the parking of 4x4 cars on grass on the Common after removing restricting stones and posts between the cattle grid Ogmores-by-Sea and Little Southerndown.

The Sports Pavilion's post code is CF32 0SJ and will be posted on the notice board.

The new PCSO, Serena James who is based in Cowbridge, submitted a crime report for the area covering the period from March 1 to April 9.

Incidents of note were: a male given a warning for drugs at Southerndown; one shed burglary in Wick; one attempted burglary at Southerndown; theft of copper piping from the substation in Ogmores-by-Sea; theft of a mobile phone from a bag at St Brides Major; three incidents of criminal damage to vehicles in St Brides Major; an incident

involving three dogs at Southerndown.

There is to be a report to the Vale Council regarding the bad condition of the road surface on the way to the recycling amenities site at Llandow. Potholes and the condition of the B4524 and the B4265 have also been noted.

There were complaints from members of the public regarding the dangerous and untidy water channels cut through roadway verges in the community area.

SPONSORED WALK

There will be a sponsored walk in aid of Children in Distress on Monday, May 3 starting at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major. Sponsorship forms are available from Sheila at the Vicarage, St Brides Major.

FRIENDS

Friends of the Heritage coastline will be holding their annual general meeting at the Seamount centre on May 9 at 2.30pm.

Spring is here and so are the lamb - quads!



ABOVE: John and Jill Rosser with the lamb quads and a proud mum looking on.

THERE are few more appealing sights in the countryside than the spring lambs skipping about and at Uplands Farm in Ystradowen they have been celebrating a very rare arrival - lamb quads!

Mrs Jill Rosser, whose husband John has farmed at Uplands all his life, told The GEM: "Over the years we have had lots of triplets, but it's the first time we have had quads. "If there are four it sometimes means that

you may get two big ones and two smaller ones, which means they may not all survive.

"Our quads arrived evenly sized and are doing really well. They are just three weeks old.

"John is having to help mum by bottle feeding too, because she hasn't got enough milk for all the lambs."

For John and Jill it has been quite a busy few days, hosting the recent Ystradowen point-to-point, celebrating their ruby wedding anniversary, and looking after the new arrivals!

Local Samaritans' new support group

BRIDGEND Samaritans have announced the formation of a support group for those bereaved by suicide.

The group will offer support to those bereaved by suicide by allowing people the time and space to explore their feelings, to share their experiences with others and to support each other in confidential and comfortable surroundings.

Samaritans' volunteers will be facilitating the group, and will also be available to provide

one to one support if needed.

Darren Matthews, the branch director at Bridgend, said "There is a clear need for such a group within Bridgend county following the deaths of young people over the past two years.

There are many people in the community who are affected by each death, and with the stigma that surrounds suicide, they often feel isolated with nowhere to turn."

He added: "Following the success of our 'Feet on the Street' outreach project, where Samaritans' volunteers go out to support people

on the streets of Bridgend, and our large scale awareness campaigns running locally, we have seen a 40 per cent increase in volunteers.

"This allows us to take on extra work such as the support group and I am pleased that we are now able to start this project for the community."

The group is open to all, and the first meeting will be held at the Heronston Hotel on May 6 at 7pm. Initially the group will meet once a month but it could meet more frequently, subject to demand.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Bridgend Samaritans on 01656 662333 or email bridgend@samaritans.org.

We welcome your news, views and sports items. Please email them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Plant sale

COWBRIDGE Physic Garden stages its annual plant sale on the terrace at Old Hall on Saturday, April 24 (10.30am - 3.30pm).

A wide variety of flowers and vegetables will be on sale, together with a raffle stall selling umbrellas and cards. Local nurserymen will be adding their wares and advice.

Cowbridge Physic Garden is wholly maintained and managed by volunteers. Public support for this fundraiser is deeply valued and appreciated.

FOY & CO. INTERIORS RE-UPHOLSTERY & CURTAIN MAKING

Your 3-piece suite re-upholstered in leather/fabric or loose covers made!

Huge range of leading designer fabrics All current, to clear from £4 per mtr

Open Monday to Saturday 7.30am-5pm

(01446) 771210

Mobile (07971) 538414

Unit 8B2 Vale Business Park

Llandow, Cowbridge, CF71 7PF

email: mmariafoy@aol.com

The show goes on as Porthcawl ensemble put on a Latin style



The cast stop the traffic in Porthcawl. (Photograph by Malcolm Nugent).

THE Porthcawl Amateur Operatic Society production of Barry Manilow's Copacabana takes to the stage at the Grand Pavilion as scheduled.

The show opens on Wednesday, April 28, and runs until Saturday, May 1, with curtain up at 7.30pm. There is also a Saturday afternoon matinee at 2.30pm.

This show has some lovely songs, including 'Sweet Heaven', 'Who needs to dream', 'This can't be love' and of course, 'Copacabana'.

The musical director is Michael Plowman, who is also the musical director for the postponed Bridgend Youth Theatre production of *Mulan*.

He said that they were delighted that the small fire, which

caused the delay in staging *Mulan*, had not interfered with the PAOS show.

He added: "We have terrific soloists, exciting choruses and an outstanding 11-piece live band to inject even more colour to this spectacular show."

Tickets start at £8 and are available at the box office on 01656 815995 or the PAOS ticket hotline on 01656 788148.

Council faces tough choices on future of adult learning

CUTS in funding are threatening the future of "leisure learning" in Bridgend county borough.

Bridgend College has reduced its funding for the adult community learning classes run by BCBC by £70,000 this year – from £252,000 to £180,000 – as they themselves are facing a loss of millions of pounds in funding over the next few years, including £1.5m in the current year.

A special review of Adult Community Learning (ACL) has been carried out by a panel of members of the health and wellbeing overview committee.

A change of emphasis in government policy has also meant that funding is being directed towards giving young people skills for work, at the expense of leisure learners, particularly those aged 60 and over, who are the largest users of ACL courses.

This switch is having an effect on the provision of classes and also on those attending, as fees have been increased and subsidies to the elderly cut.

The council has allocated some of its own money to make up the shortfall in college funding for 2009-10, but it was for a one-year period only while further negotiations took place. The Welsh Assembly

Government has stated that funding is available to the college to deliver adult skills geared up to getting people into work, and this funding will not be targeted at leisure learners.

A report from the panel to the health and wellbeing scrutiny committee found that there was clear evidence linking adult community learning with crime reduction and improvements in health, wellbeing and social care outcomes.

These benefits also extend to young people, especially those suffering from social isolation or depression. ACL has been shown to benefit young mothers and young people who have had a negative experience of education.

Such classes have given them a route into learning and the gaining of qualifications and a job.

The panel compared Bridgend's ACL programme with those provided elsewhere, and discovered that the 33 per cent increase in fees from £1.50p an hour to £2 an hour resulted in Bridgend now being one of the most expensive in South Wales. Five out of the seven councils contacted charged between 80p and £1.50p an hour.

Bridgend has also reduced concessions, including those for pensioners. Only people on means tested benefits now get a concession.

The panel was told that this action may be against a new equalities bill which is seeking to protect the rights of older people. This bill could provide protection for the concessions

granted to pensioners seeking access to learning.

The panel also looked at the length of courses and has recommended that some of the short, eight-week courses be scrapped in favour of 15-week courses, because of the problem experienced by people not enrolling for new courses in January as a result of poor weather and dark nights.

The panel looked at the example of Merthyr Tydfil council where social services had recognised the benefits of ACL and were investing in leisure-related courses for older and disabled people.

The panel has also proposed that the council does away with rigid rules about how many people are needed to enrol before a course can run.

It says that if a class faces being discontinued, the tutor and learners should have the right to set up their own class, with them agreeing a fee to the tutor and setting the charge they would pay. The council would simply make a charge for the use of the venue.

The panel has made a series of recommendations which have been adopted by the scrutiny committee, and which will now go forward to cabinet.

The panel has also offered to reconvene when more information is available about this year's financial position, and on the new equality bill.

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Aberkenfig and District WI

The meeting on April 14 was opened by president Eunice Williams – Happy Birthday was sung to the April birthday girls, Pat and Nancy.

The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs Mahoney whose subject was 'Napkin Folding'.

She told the members' fingers busy arranging and re-arranging their napkins in interesting shapes, including the breadbasket, the wave and the Sidney Opera House.

The members had a lot of fun and really enjoyed the different theme. Eunice gave the vote of thanks, saying the members had a pleasant afternoon learning a new skill which they could practice at home.

The competition for any item beginning with the letter 'O' was won by Irene with a pair of little owls, and the raffle winners were Pearl and Betty. Eunice thanked the tea hostesses, Marjorie, Barbara and Hilary.

The next meeting will be on May 12, at the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig at 2pm.

Railway news

FOR steam train enthusiasts, on Saturday, May 1, a Britannia class engine, the 70013 Oliver Cromwell will be passing through Bridgend.

The locomotive is notable as one of the four steam locomotives which worked the last steam railtour on British Railways (BR) in 1968.

The *Oliver Cromwell* was built at Crewe and was completed in 1951. It was used on the Eastern Region of British Rail for express trains between London and Norwich. Between 1951 and September 1961, it travelled 698,000 miles.

On Saturday, May 22, 5029 *Nunbury Castle* will be passing through Bridgend. Built in May 1934, it was used on the Great Western Region of British Rail until December 1963.

Ogmore Vale Primary School

To help the pupils learn history, the school is encouraging year 5/6 pupils to make a Roman mosaic.

If anyone has unwanted floor or wall tiles, the school would appreciate their donation to help the pupils with this project.

Similarly, if any relative of the pupils has the expertise and time, their help would be greatly appreciated. The school will supply plenty of tea and biscuits to keep them going.

There is a golf class starting at Ogmore

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

Contact details: **CLIVE MITCHELL**

1 Tyn-Y-Coed Close, Sarn, Bridgend CF32 9NQ

TEL: 01656 725399

email: tyncoed1@yahoo.co.uk



Valley Leisure Centre between 4pm-5pm suitable for pupils in years 3 to 6. The class is being organised by Paul Thomas, a professional golfer, and there will be no charge to pupils.

Horeb Baptist Chapel, Nantymoel
The chapel located in Dinam Close, Nantymoel, is the last remaining church in the area to hold religious services.

Between Thursday, April 22, and Saturday, April 24, at 7pm, there will be conferences at the chapel with the renowned evangelist Dr Dennis Petty conducting the debates, and Amelia Petty will be leading choral singing.

At the 11am and 6pm services Dr Dennis Petty will be speaking.

Garw Valley male choir

The members of the choir would like to thank the chairman, Alan Hampton, who has retired from the post and wish him well for the future, and welcome Cedryn Lloyd, who has agreed to take on the position.

The choir recently performed at the school hall in Llantwit Major, having been invited by the Rotarian Society to take part in their annual concert to raise money for their charities of the year.

On Saturday, April 24, the choir is holding a tribute concert in recognition of the generosity of Pontycymer Rugby Football Club, who have provided the choir's practice room twice weekly free of charge since 1970.

Tondu Primary School

MRS Sue Pilcher, the headteacher, would like to congratulate the following pupils who attained a 100 per cent attendance record last term, no mean feat when one considers the weather conditions.

They are: Garin Atkinson, Kian Brookes, Emerlee Brown, Lowri Chambers, Tegan Chambers, Jerry Chan, Joshua Collier, Joshua Davies, Dylan Evans, Coel Gifford, Mali Gifford, Rhys Ginglell, Dylan Griffiths, Danielle Hanney, Jessica Hanney, Samuel Hatt, Dafydd Jones, Caleb Lake, Rebecca Morris, Ben Pritchard-Davies, Isabella Seibold, Max Taylor, Cian Thacker, Bethanie Trebble, Daniel Trebble, Ethan Wodecki and Leigh Wodecki.

She also commends the following pupils who received the most points for good manners last term. They are: Kian Brookes, Joshua Davies, Jordan Evans, Ben Fisher, Danielle Hanney, Oliver Hatt, Tom Howells, James Rainbow, Shai Randall, Loren Taylor, Sam Thomas, Meghan Trebble. They will be taken to the Hotpots café in Aberkenfig on May 4.

The school would also welcome donations of any Tesco, Sainsbury's or Flora vouchers; these help the school to obtain extra resources for the pupils.

All Saints Church, Penyfael
I ATTENDED THE 'All in the April evening' concert at the church

last weekend where two choirs took part.

The first was Noteworthy, the excellent mixed choir from Maesteg under their accomplished musical director Ryan Wood and accompanist Rhian Yamin-Ali.

They sang the title song of the concert completely without any musical accompaniment. Their rendering of the hit song 'Fields of gold' was outstanding, together with two Ivor Novello songs especially arranged for them by Jeff Howard of the 'Men Aloud' choir.

The other choir, Bois Goetre Hen a'r Cylch, only formed last August, is one of the youngest choirs in Wales under their musical director Andrew Quick and accompanist Glesni Evans.

This choir has obviously been rehearsing hard. One could not fault their performance with each of the songs they sang. They have an up-and-coming tenor in a youngster Rees Davies, who as a soloist was brilliant.

To enhance the concert even more they had an outstanding soloist, Rhian Hughes, a young lady from Maesteg. Her enjoyment of songs from the musical shows is so apparent with 'I can hear the bells' from *Hairspray*.

'The Lord is my Shepherd' from the TV show the Vicar of Dibley, 'On my own' from *Les Misérables* and 'Popular' from *Wicked* demonstrating her versatility.

It was all a lovely evening in a wonderful church which was obviously built with acoustics as a major factor.

Members enjoy a second 'trip into the past'

LALESTON WI

AT the meeting on April 1, a report was given on the Annual Wales Conference held on March 25.

A group of six members attended the meeting held in Christ College, Brecon, and they stayed in the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells.

The speaker for the evening was Steven Jarvis, who returned to give part two of 'Those were the days'. It was a trip into the past regarding household goods and the hard work that was experienced.

Three members who had attended the table tennis tester at Coity Community Centre not only enjoyed the occasion but were winners and runner-up in the doubles and single competitions respectively.

Arrangements were made for the Spring Council Meeting at St. David's Hall on April 22, and also for the visit to *Hairspray* later that day. The annual dinner was discussed and it will be held on April 29 in the Gardening Club.

The next meeting will be on May 6.

JR

Jubilee Gardens car valet plan is rejected

PERMISSION to carry on a car valeting business in old stables behind houses in Jubilee Gardens, Porthcawl, has been refused.

The development control committee turned down an application for retrospective consent to use the stables for car valeting. Members had visited the site before making their decision.

Some residents of Jubilee Gardens objected to the application. They alleged that car repairs were also being carried

out as well as valeting and that cars are brought there to be repaired, valeted and then sold on.

They complained that there was no proper drainage system to stop the chemicals in use from contaminating surrounding land where horses and sheep are grazed.

They also complained that the increase in traffic to and from the site was a risk to young children in the area.

But some other residents of the street wrote in support of the application. Porthcawl Town Council also objected.

The committee heard that the use had already

commenced and the application was submitted after the council received complaints and started an enforcement investigation.

Although planning officers said that a car valeting business was not inappropriate at this location, the access to the site goes through a Landscape Conservation Area and the development has a detrimental visual impact on the designated LCA which is contrary to the Bridgend Unitary Development Plan.

The application was refused.

CABINET REPORT CONSIDERS OPTIONS...

Special school could soon be on the move

O G M O R E Comprehensive School may be put to a fresh use once pupils move to a new school being built on the Ynysawdre site.

Bridgend County Borough Council (CBCB) is to consider re-locating Ysgol Bryn Castell special school to the Omore campus, which will be freed up once the school merges with Ynysawdre to create a new Valleys Gateway school.

In a report to cabinet, strategy development officer Trevor Guy said that they had looked at various options for the future of Ysgol Bryn Castell (YBC) which is currently located on the site of the old Ysgol Cefn Glas in Bridgend.

An investigation has found that more than a third of the accommodation at YBC, and much of its 13-acre site, is unused.

Bryn Castell teaches both primary and secondary aged children who have either moderate learning and communication difficulties, and possibly behavioural, social and emotional needs (EBSD).

A review has found

that the current site is too big for the number of pupils and does not provide a controlled environment for pupils with EBSD, who need to feel secure. Access to the site is open and difficult to control.

The council also has a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) on a separate site which it shares with elderly and vulnerable social services users. The unit caters for children who have been excluded from their schools and are of compulsory school age. The site has been deemed inappropriate.

Officers have recommended moving some pupils with less challenging needs into satellite units in mainstream schools so that they become better integrated, leaving those with EBSD in a slimmed down YBG, which would then provide about 60 places.

Accommodation would also be provided at the same venue for the PRU, which would have 40 places.

Officers have looked at options to relocate YBC and the PRU, and have found that they need a site of at least 4.7 acres. The preferred option is to relocate YBC and the PRU to the site of Omore Comprehensive, which becomes available in

2014.

The site is geographically central in the borough and is easily accessible to the pupils. It is 19.6 acres in total, and there is also room for other related services such as education welfare officers and other support staff now based at Ty Morfa to be located there as well.

There would still be land available on that site to sell off to generate some income. The schools buildings at Omore are in a generally good state of repair, but refurbishment costed at £1.3m would be needed.

The school also has an artificial sports pitch, outdoor multi-use games area, other sports facilities and purpose-built science laboratories.

It is feasible, says the report, to remodel and refurbish existing buildings, rather than design and build a new special school from scratch.

The existing sports facilities would still be available for community use.

The present YBC site would then be released for disposal to generate "significant income", as could the other freed up sites if services were centralised.

The other options looked at were to remain on the YBC site or to

move to Llwynderw Lower Comprehensive school in Maesteg.

The review found that staying put would make it hard to break with the past and make a fresh start, even if the school's name was changed.

The Maesteg site has no buildings as they have been cleared, so a new school would have to be built. Also, the site is not central to the borough and many pupils would have to travel.

Cynffig Comprehensive was also ruled out because it is not central and access is poor.

The cabinet has agreed to carry out a feasibility study into moving the school and the pupil referral unit to the Omore site.



LEFT: Lead rein team - winning team Talygarn - Abi Vukashin, Olivia Murray, Ashton Newton (Gilfach), Olivia Davies (Ely).

Team show jumping series is concluded at local equestrian centre

THE finals for the Team Jumping series were held recently at Talygarn Equestrian Centre.

There were four team jumping events over the winter, with five classes in each event. Teams that are placed score points, with prizes in April for the winners.

Teams took part, in the main, from Llangeinor Pony Club, Glamorgan Pony Club, Millbrook Riding Club, Mynydd Riding Club and Talygarn.

This year, Talygarn did exceptionally well, winning the series in four out of five classes, with Glamorgan Pony Club winning the other. All the riders in the

Talygarn teams are from the riding school, with a few former riding school clients making up the numbers.

Talygarn had 10 teams taking part, and all picked up places and wins throughout the series. Prizes of hat and boot bags and grooming bags were given out to the winning teams.

Local man crashed and caused the death of his close friend

A DRINK driver who caused the death of a close friend after losing control of his car on a bend has been sent to a young offender institution for three-and-a-half years and disqualified from driving for five years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Adam Thorogood (18) of Boverton had passed his driving test only four weeks before. After the crash, he was found to be one-and-a-half times over the drink driving limit and, said prosecutor Michael Jones, he had taken cannabis some hours before.

James Coates, aged 18, an apprentice bricklayer, described by his mother as being a happy person, was ejected from the car when it overturned on a left-hand bend between Llantwit Major and St Athan, and his body was found beneath a tree. He died from multiple injuries.

Thorogood, who had no previous convictions, admitted causing the death of Mr Coates by driving carelessly and with excess alcohol.

When he was arrested, he told the police he "had taken a chance" by driving that night. A chance, he said, that went "terribly wrong".

by
AJ SICLUNA

Judge Stephen Hopkins told Thorogood: "Drink drivers maim or kill innocent people."

Mr Jones said that in the early hours of August 22, Thorogood went with Mr Coates and two other friends, Matthew Bawden and Jonathan Luxton, to a 24-hour garage to buy cigarettes.

But five minutes later, he lost control of his car which hit a verge and trees and turned over.

A pilot, Gavin Andrews, driving home from Cardiff Wales Airport, despite braking hard, struck the car which was on its roof.

Thorogood was repeatedly saying: "What have I done? What have I done?" and said he had been drinking. Mr Bawden and Mr Luxton had to be cut free from the vehicle.

No mechanical defects were found in the car.

Mr Jones said that Thorogood confessed to have been drinking and to have taken "some weed" earlier that day.

He said he had a vague recollection of the incident but said that at one point, his car "went nuts".

He also said he had not been a confident driver at night and some-

times forgot to put on his lights.

"This defendant was an inexperienced driver who had taken excess alcohol and cannabis before deciding to drive at night to get cigarettes. It was a decision which had tragic consequences," said Mr Jones.

Defence counsel Jeremy Jenkins said Thorogood and his family approached the case in a realistic way and did not have any false hopes.

He said he had lost a close friend and his remorse was heartfelt and genuine.

His behaviour, said Mr Jenkins was totally uncharacteristic and the consequences were tragic.

He said Thorogood had written a letter to the court saying that he thought about what had happened last thing at night and when he woke up in the morning.

"There's not a day when I don't think about James and his family," he wrote.

Mr Jenkins said the reason for the accident remains a mystery. No sentence, he added, could cover his loss.

The judge told Thorogood he would have to live for the rest of his life with the memory, but it was nothing compared to the suffering being experienced by Mr Coates' mother.

Day out will raise cash for Samaritans



ABOVE: Julie Robinson being presented with her WVBW 'Spirit of Giving' award by Jane Hutt AM at the Senedd.

LLANTWIT Major Friends of Bridgend Samaritans have organised their first fundraising coach trip of the year to Worcester on Saturday, May 15.

Tickets are £15 each, and details are available from Julie Robinson on 01446 796471.

Julie's work on behalf of Bridgend Samaritans was recently recognised when she received a Vale Women's Business Network (WVBW) 'Spirit of Giving' award.

futureperfect









Master your child's potential...

Open Morning
Monday, 3rd May, 2010
9.30am - 12 midday



Tockington Manor School
Bristol
April 2-14

Tel: 01454 613229
or visit www.tockington.bristol.sch.uk

Mrs Peggy Anstee

FAMILY, friends and former neighbours attended the funeral of the late Mrs Peggy Anstee (98), which took place on Friday, April 16 at the Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch.

Peggy had lived in the village of Treoes from 1960 until she emigrated to Canada to live with her daughter some 10 years ago.

I think the call of Wales became too strong for her and she returned to Treoes and her many friends, but sadly, things had changed and her home became a Bridgend nursing home.

She was still able to visit her friends in the village, making a surprise visit to the Young at Heart Club.

Peggy began her working life in the nursing profession, but gave it up to be a full time mother. Her daughter, Marian, plans to return to her home in Canada this weekend, that is, if the ash clouds have abated.

St Mary Hill Church 100 Club WINNERS of the Easter draw were:

Mrs B Powell, Mr R Howells, Mr J Hopkins, Mrs S Evans and Miss G Harries. The next draw will take place in June.



Megan Thomas CONGRATULATIONS to 16-year-old Megan Thomas of Brynnowel Farm, St Mary Hill, who has cleaned St Mary Hill Church for the past four months as part of her commitment to the community through the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Young at Heart Club A WARM welcome was extended to club member Gordon Lewis on his return to the club - he has had a very tough time over the past few months.

Members were also pleased to see Terry Jones on his return to club meetings. Treoes resident, Mr Ken Kemp, will hopefully be home soon following his long stay in the Princess of Wales hospital.

Community news PLANNING applications - Full planning permission for change of use from former milking parlour to residential, refurbishment and extension to existing farm house at Persondy Farm, Treoes.

The council is still

COMMUNITY NEWS
TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, 'Tynewydd', Llangan. (01656) 860303

waiting for the plans to be completed for the tennis court area at Treoes.

There is an appeal by Mr Brian Meek, on a proposed detached dwelling to replace existing warehouse at Tresaeson House Yard, St Mary Hill.

Community hall LLANGAN and St Mary Hill Community Hall is hosting a pub night of live acoustic music on May 15.

All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dates to note THURSDAY, May 6 - a violin concerto will take place at Ewenny Priory at 7.30pm, tickets £10.

On May 27, the St Donats Chamber choir will perform, again the venue will be Ewenny Priory, tickets £10.

EMAIL US!

● WE welcome your news, views and sports items. Please email them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

A Cowbridge Physic Garden Event

Plant Sale

Old Hall Gardens

Saturday April 24 (10.30am-3.30pm)

A wide variety of spring and summer plants will be on sale, plus further choices from local nurserymen. Raffle stall, cards umbrellas and other gifts available.

Cowbridge Physic Garden is wholly managed and maintained by volunteers. Public support for the cause is deeply valued.

www.cowbridgephysicgarden.org.uk

'Jen's magical wishes' proves a great hit at Tondy Rugby Club



Rhian Nolan, Kay Thomas, Mary Morse, Helen Thomas, John Davies.

A FUNDRAISING evening was held at Tondy Rugby Club on Saturday, April 17 to raise money for The Make A Wish Foundation.

The night was held in memory of Jenna Thomas who was murdered on June 24 last

year. 'Jen's magical wishes' evening was a great success and more than £1,500 was raised on the night.

A spokeswoman said: "Nikki, Kay and Dave wish to express special thanks to Tondy Rugby Club, and Ruth and Stephanie of Absolutely

Fabulous, Bridgend, for supplying the balloons, and Helen Thomas, John Davies, Mary Morse, Rhian and Dermot Nolan for organising the event. "To date, a total of £2,500 has been donated to Make A Wish in Jenna's memory. Thanks also go to the Mayor of Bridgend and his consort

for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the evening.

"The family would like to thank those that attended the event and people who donated raffle prizes."

BRIDGEND NURSES WIN HEALTH AWARD

WELSH Health Minister Edwina Hart has praised mental health and learning disability nurses from Bridgend for their hard work and dedication at the Annual Mental Health and Learning Disability Nursing awards for Wales.

The activity co-ordinators at Caswell Clinic won the best healthcare assistants award for Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board.

The nominations for the awards are considered by a panel of independent judges, including service users, carers and senior mental health and learning disability nurses from across the UK.



ABOVE: Edwina Hart AM, with Janette Duggan and Craig Thomas.

The chief nursing officer for Wales, Rosemary Kennedy, said: "Mental health and learning disability nurses provide valuable help and support to some of the most vul-

nerable people in society." Dr Ed Roberts, Vice Chair of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board, said: "The high standards and achievements being set by staff in mental health and learning disabilities in ABM and across Wales were very apparent, and our healthcare assistants should be justifiably proud of their success."



ABOVE: (left to right) Dave Thomas, consort Audrey Thomas, the mayor Jeff Tildesley, and Kay Thomas.

A rare visitor flies into a rural garden

I'VE followed with interest recent letters in The GEM regarding sightings of a Red Kite around the Cowbridge area.

Last summer, I spent a very enjoyable couple of hours at the Red Kite feeding station near Rhayader in Powys.

Before commencing the spreading of the meat outside the hides, we were informed that as many as 300 kites can turn up for the banquet.

I took this figure with a pinch of salt since it's not that many years ago that Wales only had one breeding pair.

However, the farmer was proved right when soon the sky was thick with these beautiful birds – just like a scene from Hitchcock's famous movie.

I don't think so many large birds can all live in that locality and so many of them must travel quite a distance each day to feast.

My reason for writing is to tell your readers about another rare bird that's visiting the Cowbridge area. For the

last month or so, a Peregrine Falcon has been coming into my rural garden.

Sometimes it sits on the fence near to my kitchen window, and other times it appears to harass small birds that are inside the bushes.

We also have a pair of wood pigeons that feed off the grass under our hanging bird feeders. I hope they're not on its menu.

Yesterday, it was trying to get inside a bush as if to get at sparrows perching in there.

It's definitely a Peregrine because with my binoculars I've had super views of it.

What I'd like to know, if any of your readers can help me in this – where around Cowbridge it could nest, as I associate Peregrines with cliffs or high buildings.

I've omitted my address on purpose in case there are any pigeon fanciers out there who may feel threatened by its visits.

However, if any true bird watchers would like more information, I would be glad to help out via your letters page.

Michael Carpenter

Happy birthday Meyrick - 100 years old and 'sharp as a knife'

by TIM CHAPMAN

DOZENS of people visited Longmeadow Court sheltered housing in Cowbridge on Monday, April 19 to wish Bridgend born Meyrick O'Connor a very happy 100th birthday.

Despite his advanced age, Meyrick remains very active with a daily trip on his zimmer frame to his favourite haunt The Bear Hotel, where he is always welcomed warmly.

He told The GEM: "I had my first pint with my father there when I was 14, and I've been a regular ever since."

Meyrick was born on April 19, 1910 to Cornelius O'Connor and Elizabeth Jane O'Connor (nee Thomas) and was one of 12 children – there were eight brothers and four sisters.

He said: "I was born in Bridgend and grew up at Wolf House Farm, Llyswoyney. I can still remember my first day at the local school!"

"My father, who was originally from Waterford, was a cattle dealer who used to travel a lot to Ireland. After school, I became a farm worker."

Meyrick served with the Signals during the Second World War, and demonstrated his mischievous side as he recalled his time abroad.

"I served in Egypt and Italy, and knew General Montgomery – he used to clean my boots!"

"While I was in Egypt I even got a chance to climb the pyramids." Meyrick is the last sur-



ABOVE: Still going strong – Meyrick celebrates his 100th birthday with Cora Gould of the Angels care team.

vivor of the 12 siblings, his sister Blanche died two years ago.

Family and friends gathered to wish Meyrick a happy birthday, and he was given a telegram from the Queen. The mayor of the Vale, Coun Emlyn Williams, and the mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Jon Harris, were also on hand to wish Meyrick 'many happy returns' for the day.

Linda Flanagan, the sheltered housing warden, said: "We've never had anything as big as this at Longmeadow

Court sheltered housing. Julian Hitchcock of The Bear Hotel gave a speech of congratulation to Meyrick, everyone sang 'Happy Birthday', and we drank a toast to him."

Meyrick attributes part of the reason for his longevity to the fact that no woman could ever pin him down to getting married!

His nephew, Dr Monty Edwards, who had travelled from the Gower for the special birthday celebration, told The GEM: "He has still got a wonderful memory and is as sharp as a knife!"

Can you have a 'healthy' divorce?

DURING a divorce it feels like everything is changing: your home life, daily routine, and, even your sense of identity.

It's a time of emotional, financial and practical upheaval. You need to make important decisions, often when you feel least able to. And you may be continuing to work, care for children and generally doing your best to carry on as normal.

In this difficult situation, is it possible to have a 'healthy' divorce? Kathryn McTaggart of family solicitors Woolley & Co suggests it is, by following this four point plan:

1. Revenge... A dish best left out of legal proceedings.

The law is, above all things, practical and dispassionate. Keep looking at the bigger picture. If your ex is being completely unreasonable, resist the temptation to stoop to their level.

Trust your family lawyer to be firm where necessary and let them know if you feel bullied or powerless so they can redress the balance fairly. Don't underestimate the satisfaction that will come when you look back in the knowledge that you behaved with restraint and dignity. Sometimes the best 'revenge' is showing someone how far you have moved on.

2. Keep it civil, for the sake of the children.

Separating couples may agree on very little, but they both want the best for their

children. Accepting that you have an ongoing relationship with your child's other parent helps.

Keep children informed, jointly if possible, in an age appropriate way and give them lots of reassurance. Just because children are not physically in the middle of an argument, it does not mean that they are not feeling its effects. They need both of you at this time more than ever.

3. Why can't they just move on?

Divorcing spouses go through different stages, including denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Whilst you may have been planning to leave your spouse for some time they may not have had time to come to terms with what living without you will mean. Trust his or her lawyer, together with your ex's family and friends, to move things along. Forcing the pace is often counterproductive and costly.

4. Forget the stiff upper lip (sometimes).

Don't be afraid to ask for support from friends, family, your doctor, church, a divorce coach or counsellor if you are struggling.

It is natural to feel angry, out of control, disappointed, hurt and resentful but clear heads make better decisions. Your family lawyer will be experienced in working with you whilst you experience these emotions but he or she will not be a trained counsellor. Make sure you get the best legal and emotional advice you can.

For help with the legal aspects of divorce and relationship breakdown, call Kathryn McTaggart on 0845 680 2507 (local rate) or email Kathryn.McTaggart@family-lawfirm.co.uk

Woolley & Co is a member of the Law Society and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority; registration number is 2250600
www.family-lawfirm.co.uk



Galleria 01446 776828
1 The Limes, Cowbridge CF71 7BJ
OPEN TUES - SAT

Huge Range In Stock

£29 collected

£79 collected

www.galleriastore.co.uk
DELIVERY NATIONWIDE

Read your GEM online: bridgend-today.co.uk or porthcawl-today.co.uk

BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

WELSH GUARDS PRAISE
FOR WARM WELCOME

THE Welsh Guards homecoming parade through Bridgend attracted larger crowds than turned out in some of the other Welsh towns they visited.

Coun Hadyn Morgan told Bridgend Town Council that the Commanding Officer had told him that there were more people in

Bridgend than in Cardiff or Swansea, and he was grateful to the community for its support.

Coun Morgan said that his son had served in the same company that came to Bridgend, and he was pleased to see the officers and soldiers himself.

However, he added that there were some disappointed onlookers waiting in Dunraven

Place by the Conservative Club, because the Guards marched down Wyndham Street and then turned to leave town via Queen Street and Water Street to cross the bridge to the civic offices.

VALE BUS
SERVICE

THE new bus service from the Vale into Bridgend that runs via Merthyr mawr Road may change its route, Bridgend town council heard.

Coun Edith Hughes said that officers from the Vale Council, which had laid on the new service, would be in Bridgend on May 17 to check up on the route, as the bus company has said that its buses are often unable to get through Grove Road because of parked cars.

Coun Hughes said that it had been suggested that the bus could travel along Ewenny Road, go down the inner by-pass and then turn into Merthyr mawr Road.

She said that she had no views on which route the bus took as long it arrived in Merthyr mawr Road to pick up people wishing to go into town.

GUM BUSTING
A DEMONSTRATION of the new gum busting machine which may be paid for by town councils in the borough has been held.

Bridgend mayor Mervyn Lewis, who attended, said that it went very well, especially as it uses no detergents – just cold water.

Council leader David Unwin said that they were waiting for financial information from BCBC's streetscene manager to know how much it would cost to buy and operate the machine.

The council could then decide how many hours a week it was willing to pay for.

Coun Hadyn Morgan said that in other towns he had noticed gum disposal plates placed on lamp posts where people could deposit their gum instead of putting it onto pavements, but Coun Unwin said that this had been raised with BCBC who were not in favour.

Coun Clare Lewis said that this scheme had stopped in Swansea because people complained that it was unsightly and unpleasant to see gum stuck at eye level.

CLEARING THE
ENTIRE STORE!

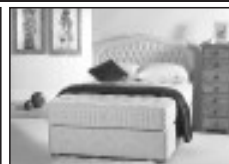
REFURBISHING & UPDATING
**£500,000 GRAND
FURNITURE SALE**
PRICES CUT AGAIN!
3 MORE SPECIAL DAYS!

We closed the showroom on Wednesday to cut prices even lower on a huge selection of clearance items throughout the entire store.

We must urgently sell all our beds, furniture and accessories including: Suites (fabric & leather), sofas, sofa beds, easy chairs, recliners, dining sets, sideboards, beds, bedframes, mattresses, free standing, semi fitted and fitted robes, dressing tables, chests, coffee tables, carpets, pictures, mirrors, etc. **Absolutely Everything Must Be Sold Out a.s.a.p!**

EVERY SINGLE PRICE HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCED!

SAVE £££s ALL THIS WEEKEND



UP TO
**75%
OFF**

JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT'S ON OFFER IN THE STORE...

MONZANO

3 seater reclining sofa
& 2 reclining
armchairs in
leather/ leather effect.

RRP £2,999

YOU PAY £1,399

ALSTONS

Lavenham 2
seater sofa in
quality fabric.

RRP £699

YOU PAY £399

JULIAN BOWEN

Rufford extending
dining table plus
4 dining chairs.

RRP £379

YOU PAY £219

JADE

Fireside Chair
choice of fabrics
RRP £349

YOU PAY £195

SERENE

Lyon 3ft
bedframe
in pink.
RRP £169

YOU PAY £79

SILENTNIGHT

Vibrance 5ft
Kingsize
4 Drawer Divan
with latex.
RRP £949

YOU PAY £669

RAUCH

2m Vezalay all
mirror sliding door
wardrobe.

Free delivery and assembly.

RRP £849

YOU PAY £475

DORLUX

4'6" Cool
Comfort memory
foam divan with
2 drawers.

RRP £599

YOU PAY £349

CAPRI

Memory Foam
Pocket Springs
4'6" Mattress

RRP £599

YOU PAY £269

Silentnight

3ft Medium
Care
2 Drawer Divan
RRP £349

YOU PAY £229

CENTURY

2 drawer
white bedside
cabinet
RRP £149

YOU PAY £39

ALL

Pictures,
Mirrors and
Accessories.

PRICED TO GO

Town & Country
FURNITURE

5-7 Brackla Street Centre,
Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan.
CF31 1BZ. Tel: 01656 653147

(All offers subject to availability. E&OE.)

EVENT HOURS
Thurs, Fri, Sat:
10am-6pm

©GR 2010

NEWS FROM PORTHCAWL
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDThe music man
comes to call

THE April meeting was opened by our new chairman – Dee Richardson – and our speaker for the afternoon was Mr Wayne Warlow, the director of the Porthcawl International Jazz Festival.

He spoke about the dance band days, starting with the minuet to jazz bands and Ray Fox, Geraldo and Glenn

Miller.

Excerpts from their music had all the ladies tapping their feet and singing along with the wonderful songs of the 1940s and 1950s. What an uplifting afternoon!

Bouquets were presented to Mrs Margaret Rees and Mrs Pat Holgate on their 'special birthdays.

The next meeting is on May 12, when Mrs Nina Charlesworth will speak on items from around the world.

We also have a 'special' coffee morning on Friday, May 7, at Trinity Church at 10.30am so please come along to meet us and hear all the news of our organisation.

S Masterman

Quiz
testers

THE Bridgend GEM Quiz League is taking a break, but here are some testers to keep GEM readers' brains active.

1 The Croation holiday resort of Split is located on which body of water?

2 *The First Man on the Moon* is a 1901 sci-fi novel by which writer?

3 Which golfer, at the age of 22, was the youngest winner of the Open in the 20th century?

4 Name the year of the 1960s in which (a) President de Gaulle resigned, (b) Colonel Gaddafi assumed power in Libya and (c) Manchester City won the FA Cup?

A RUDGE

(Hon sec BGQL)

Answers
1 Adriatic Sea.
2 HG Wells.
3 Seve Ballesteros.
4 1969.

EMAIL

US!

We welcome your news and reports. Please email them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

PALMA
Look Younger & Feel Great with Non-Surgical Cosmetic Treatments

- All treatments are performed by experienced doctors & nurse practitioner
- Approved & regulated hospital environment
- 8 years experience in cosmetic medicine
- All our prices are extremely competitive

The Treatments we offer:

Fraxel Re:Store Laser Therapy Treats uneven skin texture, wrinkles, open pores, acne scarring & sun damage especially pigmentation, with fast recovery.

Sculptra Facial Volumising Amazing results that last for years.

Anti-Wrinkle Injections For all those frown lines.

Dermal Fillers & Chemical Face Peels Fill in those facial lines & turn back the clock.

Laser Hair Removal Permanent solution for all unwanted hair. Fast & painless laser treatment suitable for all skin types.

SPECIAL OFFER!
One FREE hair removal treatment session when you book any treatment

Book Now on 01446 781906
& receive a Free Consultation
www.palma-cosmetics.com

British Association of Cosmetic Doctors

One-day 'sales offer' with sting in the tail

LOCAL Trading Standards officers are investigating complaints by residents that they were misled into spending thousands of pounds at one-day sales events.

One resident claimed she was offered a special price of £1 for a china dinner set by a company only for it to be raised to almost £3,000 afterwards to have it personalised.

She said: "I was cold-called on the telephone by a company who said they would be at a local hotel venue, selling for one day only, and asked me if I'd like to attend."

"When I attended, they were very professional and persuasive. I ended up buying the goods and agreeing to have them engraved with my initials. The compa-

ny said I could still cancel within seven days if I changed my mind.

"As soon as I got home, I had a bad feeling so decided to cancel but the company refused saying they'd already started to personalise the goods, even though it was within the seven-day cooling off period, and I would have to pay the full £3,000."

"I'm not the sort of person to be tricked easily, but the company managed to mislead me, convincing me to sign up to something I didn't want because it seemed

like such a bargain."

Vale principal trading officer Simon Wilkinson urged people to be very careful of sales events operating on a 'here today and gone tomorrow' basis.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, so don't part with your money or sign documents on the spur of the moment," he said.

If you have been misled into buying goods and would like help from trading standards, contact Consumer Direct Wales on 08454 040506.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning with stalls will be held at Albert Road Methodist Church (Penarth) on Saturday, May 1, 10am-12noon.

Stalls include cakes, books, bric-a-brac, toiletries, and there will also be a raffle. Admission (50p) includes tea, coffee and biscuits. All proceeds go towards church funds.



BRO Radio and The Glamorgan GEM

working together to bring you the very latest local news from your new community station, BRO Radio.

Got a news story for us? Then call us on 01446 420681

or email: news@broradio.fm

or contact the Glamorgan GEM on 01446 774484

THE 'HOMES4U FAMILY' IS JOINED BY NEW MEMBER

RIGHT: Signing the United Welsh Housing Association/Homes4U agreement are seated: Karen Thomas, head of neighbourhood, United Welsh HA, and Coun Paul Church. Standing (from left): Alan Morgan, managing director, Hafod HA; Tony Whittaker, chief executive, United Welsh HA; Elgar Lewis, chairman, Hafod HA; Paul Roberts, chief executive, Newydd HA; Mike Ingram, Vale Council operational manager (public sector housing), and Chris Walton, housing manager, Wales and West HA.



A FOURTH housing association has joined the Vale Council's Homes4U scheme.

Since its launch in June 2003, when the Vale became the first local authority in Wales to

introduce choice-based lettings by advertising all its empty homes in local newspapers, Homes4U has evolved into a multi-landlord partnership, with new recruits, United Welsh, joining existing partners – the Newydd, Hafod and Wales and West housing associations.

All the partners' vacant properties are advertised fortnightly alongside vacant council homes. People who register for housing only have to complete one application form, and are able to bid for any homes advertised under the Homes4U banner.

The Vale Council cab-

inet member for housing and community safety, Coun Paul Church said: "The Vale Council continues to establish itself as a centre for innovation and improvement and, over the last six years, Homes4U has provided an improved performance for our partners and a greater choice for applicants."

"The partnership agreement between ourselves and United Welsh is a further step towards providing a comprehensive access to housing and housing advice service to tenants of the council and its housing association partners."

"One of the great

advantages of this partnership is that residents have one point of contact for housing allocation enquiries, rather than the myriad of forms that previously existed.

"Homes4U continues to improve and the addition of United Welsh will strengthen already excellent working relationships."

Councillor's surgery

COUN Ray Thomas will hold a surgery at the Treoes Community Centre, Treoes, on Saturday, April 24 from 11.30am-1pm.

No appointment is necessary.

All joinery products made the way you want them...

- Doors • Windows • Kitchens
- Bedrooms • Mouldings • Hand-made Furniture

Fully insured for your peace of mind

GLYNN SEWELL JOINERY LTD

With over 15 years experience, we have furnished many houses, hotels, hospitals and schools with excellent fixtures, fittings and fitted mouldings. No project is too big or small and all items are individually custom made. You can confidently rely on us to deliver a first class product with a price to match.

01446 421112 07813 840926/07973 530073

e-mail: info@gsjoinery.net

CITROËN BERLINGO MULTISPACE 1.6HDi 90hp VTR
WITH NIL ADVANCE PAYMENT*

www.citroen.co.uk



CITROËN makes TOTAL

Worry-free means everything
is included for peace of mind



- Use your mobility allowance
- Breakdown cover
- Road tax and insurance
- Servicing and maintenance
- 60,000 mileage allowance
- Specialist advice

Motability
The leading provider for disabled people

www.motability.co.uk

Not sure if you qualify for a Motability car? Call 0800 953 4000

WALES LARGEST CITROËN DEALER
NUMBER ONE FOR MOTABILITY

CRÉATIVE TECHNOLOGIE



*Motability qualifying Motability customer orders until 30/06/10. Available for Motability contract hire scheme customers, only on qualifying new cars sourced from Citroën UK Ltd. Models subject to stock availability and quarterly price changes. No other promotional offers apply. Terms & conditions apply, please ask for details.
OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT FUEL CONSUMPTION FIGURES (RANGE): URBAN CYCLE, EXTRA URBAN, COMBINED (LITRES PER 100KM/MPG) & CO₂ EMISSIONS (G/KM): HIGHEST: Citroën Berlingo Multispace 1.6i 90hp 10.8/26.2, 6.8/41.5, 8.2/34.4, 195. LOWEST: Citroën Berlingo Multispace 1.6HDi 110hp DPFS 6.4/41.4, 4.8/58.9, 5.3/53.3, 140.

BASSETTS BRIDGEND 01656 649009

BASSETTS CARMARTHEN (SALES OUTLET) 01267 238 800

BASSETTS SWANSEA 01792 310900

Vale candidates' debate climate change matters



EARLIER this month, seven parliamentary candidates for the marginal constituency of the Vale of Glamorgan were invited to Tabernacle, Barry, to discuss climate change.

The event was organised by Christian Aid on behalf of 'Ask the Climate Question', a coalition of environmental and international development agencies.

A Christian Aid spokeswoman said: "This was the first of three similar events taking place in Wales over the next few weeks, and it was a very encouraging

start to the campaign. "The event drew a lively and thoughtful crowd of 60, from various environmental and faith backgrounds. Questions ranged from commitment to reducing carbon emissions, to finance for developing countries, and more local issues such as plans for a local biomass plant on Barry dockland."

She continued: "As well as referring to party policies, the candidates drew on personal experiences, giving examples of personal action and commitment on a local level, rousing much laughter and applause. The general consensus was that action needs to be taken; there will need to be a shift away from a

consumer mindset; that investment in research to help local, national and international development is essential."

The event's chair, Jeff Williams, head of Christian Aid Wales, said: "I would like to thank the candidates for coming to the event and

revealed that an overwhelming majority of the audience were convinced that climate change is a serious issue which needs to be addressed and acted upon.

To find out more about the campaign, visit www.asktheclimatequestion.org.uk

The bees get active as the sun comes out

FAIR weather is certainly most welcome, not only to the bees, but also the beekeeper.

An in-depth examination of all the hives (Fonmon and Dyffryn) has been carried out and all looks well.

Winter and, of course, the ravages of the varroa mite has reduced Fonmon apiary to five hives (seven were on site before winter set in) while the three hives at Dyffryn have survived unscathed.

Throughout the winter months, the mite population has been checked on a regular basis. Mites were present on every occasion that these checks were carried out.

Spring has truly sprung, much forage is now available to the bees and colony activity is stepping up a gear. The queens have responded and colony expansion is now well under way.

The downside of this increase, of course, is that the varroa has a life cycle perfectly in tune with that of the bee, and their numbers will rise accordingly.

For my part, we are certainly not winning the battle against the mite. Each year we knock back their numbers, and as we have no hope of completely eradicating them at present, like the Pheonix from the ashes,

they rise up and carry out their nefarious life-style and decimate the honey-bee population.

However, the beekeeper has to do her/his best and help the bees through this difficult time.

Despite this troublesome period, we have many new beekeepers on hand, not all can be accommodated with bees.

The losses suffered over the past few years by existing beekeepers has meant a shortage of swarms, which were always a ready source of bees for a newcomer or established beekeeper.

This new season will see Barbara Chick and myself taking on the role of mentors to aspiring beekeepers, and in so doing we can give them a taste of colony manipulation and all the various manoeuvres which we as beekeepers carry out in our pursuit of honey production.

These practical sessions will see new beekeepers opening hives and assessing the state of each of them and suggesting courses of action which they think may be needed. I am looking forward to assisting these newcomers in any way I can and Barbara certainly

shares my sentiments.

Oilseed rape is now coming into bloom and it is all around the apiary. This will provide an abundant source of nectar and pollen which the bees will exploit with all their being.

Meanwhile at Dyffryn, the bees have a great variety of blooms to forage upon and we may well get our first honey crop from them this year.

Have I said this before? Of course I have, positive thinking is the order of the day.

Will next month's report bring news of things really taking off? Let's hope so.

H WILLIAMS

Council's beach ban for dogs

THE VALE Council has reminded residents that dogs are banned from the following Vale beaches from May 1 to September 30 - Southerndown, Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Barry Island and Penarth.

A by-law exists to protect the interests of

bathers and ensure their safety throughout the summer when the beaches have their highest number of visitors.

During this time, it is an offence to bring a dog on any of the beaches listed above, and if a person is caught breaking the ban they could face a fine of up to £500.

Airport and police staff work together for troops abroad

POLICE officers and staff from Barry police station, and staff from Cardiff Airport, have been collecting non-perishable foods, items of clothing and small gifts for distribution to soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

Just a few weeks ago, Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Police Constable Gareth Holmes started a collection among his colleagues in Barry police station to put together small parcels of useful gifts to send out to troops serving in Afghanistan.

At the same time, Gareth's neighbour, Lisa Morgan and her colleague Marion Williams, who both work at Cardiff Airport, decided to join in and start a collection among their fellow members of staff.

This week the first delivery of more than 30 shoe box-sized parcels was despatched to troops serving on the front line.

PC Holmes said: "I have been overwhelmed by the support we have received for this, both here in Barry police station as well as at the Airport. We have taken advice on the type of things that most of the troops appreciate and what is possible to send out to them.

"These range from pot noodles to socks and books to playing cards. We have already been able to fill more than 30 boxes which are now on their way to the troops in Afghanistan.



"I would like to thank everyone at Barry police station and at the airport who has supported us so far and we are already collecting for our second delivery."

Lisa Morgan (right) and Marion Williams, pictured with PC Gareth Holmes and some of the parcels bound for Afghanistan.

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

Who could offer Bobby a home?

THIS WEEK: Bobby the Bobster.

A Dogs Trust spokeswoman said: "Bobby is a four-and-a-half-year-old Collie Cross. He is a sweet and sensitive dog.

"He can be shy and lacks confidence and likes his own space. He loves his toys and will happily play fetch all day given the chance!

"He mixes with other dogs, but is best suited as the only dog in the home. He is house-trained and fine to be left for a few hours."

Type of home needed: He will need a quiet home environment with an experienced owner who is used to Collie



Bobby the Bobster.

types. He is not suitable with children and needs an adult only home. In the right home, given time and patience, Bobby will make a lovely, rewarding companion.

Wardrobes • Leather/Fabric Suites • Double Beds

Dining Suites • Sideboards • Coffee Tables

Double Beds • Wardrobes • Leather/Fabric Suites • Guest Beds • Wardrobes • Leather/Fabric Suites • Double Beds • Coffee Tables

The Hairy Bloke

DISCOUNT FURNITURE

WE NOW OFFER A RE-UPHOLSTERY SERVICE for chairs, three piece suites, dining chairs, daybeds, etc.

Beautiful fabric choices or supply your own.
Free Estimates.
Home Service Available.

Amazing new range of rustic hardwood furniture arriving this week!
French style boudoir furniture – newly arrived.

Stylish Furniture always in stock
next to PC World
CULVERHOUSE CROSS
CARDIFF CF56 6XW
Telephone: **02920 670691**

OPEN 7 DAYS

Wardrobes • Leather/Fabric Suites • Double Beds

At Dogs Trust Bridgend, love comes in all shapes and sizes.



To see all our dogs, visit our new website, dogstrust.org.uk

You can trust a dog from



'WELSH MEDICS' ENJOY THE FREEDOM OF THE VALE IN THE BARRY SUNSHINE

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are
available from this event.

Pictures can be purchased
by contacting:

e-mail glynevans01@tiscali.co.uk
telephone 01446 773225.

**Now open in the Wool Barn,
Verity's Court, Cowbridge.*



TERRITORIAL
Army medics who
have served in Iraq
and Afghanistan,
marched through
Barry last Saturday
when they were
given the Freedom
of the Vale.

The Cardiff-based 203
Welsh Field Hospital
(Volunteers) is the only
Territorial Army medical
unit in the Principality,
and its personnel are all
part-time volunteers.

Known as 'The Welsh
Medics,' they recruit
from across Wales, and
the Vale Council unani-
mously agreed to grant
them the honour in
recognition of their
invaluable work in sav-
ing lives.

They recruit from all
disciplines – doctors,
nurses, paramedics, radi-
ographers, physios, bio-
medical scientists, den-
tists, dental nurses, phar-
macy technicians, phar-
macists and health care
support workers.

The freedom, which is
the highest tribute a
county borough council
can bestow, is a long-
standing tradition and in
being given the honour
in the Vale, the medics
follow in the distin-
guished footsteps of the
Merchant Navy

Association (Wales), The
Welsh Guards and The
Royal Welsh.

Crowds gathered in
King Square to see Vale
Mayor, Coun Emlyn
Williams present a spe-
cial scroll to the unit's
Commanding Officer,
Col Kevin Davies.

Following the cere-
mony, the unit, preceded
by The Band of the
Royal Welsh and accom-
panied by a police
motorcycle outrider and
two police horses and
riders, paraded through
the town to Barry
Leisure Centre.

Coun Williams said:
"I am delighted that we
are able to recognise the
unit and the valuable
work they're doing both
at home and abroad.
Many brave soldiers
seriously injured in vari-
ous conflicts owe their
lives to the magnificent
treatment given by units
such as 'The Welsh
Medics.' They continue
to risk their lives to save
those of others."

Col Kevin Davies
said: "The Vale Council
has shown its apprecia-
tion and acknowl-
edgment of the significant
contribution that Wales'
Field Hospital makes in
supporting UK
Operations."

**"Thank you
for medical
assistance!"**

MY sincere thanks to the Welsh
Territorial Army medics, the
Barry Leisure Centre first
aiders, Richard, a Barry member of the
Royal British Legion, and the para-
medics for coming to my aid when I was
taken ill in Barry Leisure Centre during
the reception for the Welsh Territorial
Army medics on Saturday, April 17.

After spending a few hours at the Heath
Hospital, Cardiff, I was allowed home.
David Shankland, Barry branch,
Royal British Legion



Cemetery Junction is one stop that is worth getting off at!

It seems that Ricky Gervais is developing something of a chip on his shoulder.

The comedian has parlayed the success of *The Office* into very real celebrity; yet as his profile has increased, it seems his comedy has lessened, best case in point being the run of mill *The Invention of Lying*, Gervais' first starring vehicle, which failed to set cinemas alight.

However, Gervais' latest film sees him taking both the co-writing and directing duties with Stephen Merchant, the co-conspirator of both *The Office* and *Extras*, and changes tack from comedy to something a bit more dramatic in *Cemetery Junction*.

The film tells the story of three teenagers, Freddie (Christian Cooke), Bruce (Tom Hughes) and Snork (Jack Doolan), whose lives consist of the general drudgery of small towns in the 1970s.

However, when Freddie takes a job selling insurance, under the watchful eye of Mr Kendrick (Ralph Fiennes) and Mike Ramsay (Matthew Goode), the trio's friendship is tested as they discover growing up is more painful than they thought...

Seeing in big letters 'Written and directed by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant' may mislead some people into expecting either a full-on comedy or, for those less keen on the Gervais brand, a two-hour smug-fest of comedians he knows.

Cemetery Junction, however, is a film that skirts closer to the British films of the early 1960s (*Saturday Night, Sunday Morning* and *Billy Liar* being stylistic reference points) than it does the work of Gervais' idols such as Woody Allen and, coupled with a touch of the pair's typical humour, makes for a hugely worthwhile viewing experience.

The idea for the film has been floating around ever since Gervais and Merchant wrapped up *The Office*, initially as a follow-up sitcom, and it is clear that time and effort went into the script; the characters, by and large, are sharply drawn, and there is a real sense of the pair showing there is more to their writing than comedy but never straying too far from their roots.

The film is replete with their brand of one-liners, the film never less than hugely amusing, while one or two set-ups are hilarious, under-pinned with a cringeworthy not seen since the days of Wernham Hogg.

They also nail the characters superbly well, with the three leads perfectly realised, giving each their own moment, yet capturing beautifully the carefree attitude of the last days of youth before life takes over; it is a coming-of-age tale that doesn't wear its feelings too overtly.

Meanwhile, the casual racism and sexism of the day is etched among the supporting characters with a lightness of touch, the mentality of the early 1970s being reflected through the band of characters.

The pair's direction is similarly strong, capturing the suburban minutiae to perfection.

While the pair shy away from anything too technical within their direction, they do offer up enough clever touches to give the film a cinematic feel, while maintaining the intimacy of the piece.

With such well-written characters, it is little surprise the cast offer up such well-tuned performances.

Christian Cooke shows an easy charisma and likeability as the ambitious Freddie, desperate to better himself and escape a life of working in factories, while Tom Hughes is mesmeric as the conflicted Bruce, full of pent up rage and anger at both his situation and his father's perceived failure to keep his family together.

Completing the trio is Jack Doolan's comedic turn as Snork; unable to speak to women, and seemingly incapable of surviving in social situations, he is the comedy between Cooke and Hughes' more dramatic turns.

As a trio, their chemistry is believable, and completely engaging.

The supporting cast are well assembled and all offer something; from Felicity Jones as Freddie's old school sweetheart, now engaged to Mike Ramsay (a smug Matthew Goode) a man who wants nothing more

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

than to be like her father, Mr Kendrick (a turn from Ralph Fiennes that removes the bitter after-taste of *Clash of the Titans*), to Gervais himself, who reins in the comedy for a turn that has more than hint of pathos running through it; all the support turns are a winner.

Even British comedy perennials such as Julia Davies, Steve Speirs and Anne Reid are afforded opportunities to shine, but it is Emily Watson who comes closest to stealing the show, her small but expertly delivered turn as Mrs Kendrick, whose lack of attention from her husband is a bitter portent of what may come to her daughter if she doesn't follow her dreams, lighting up the film and highlighting the strength in depth on show.

The film's greatest skill, however, is its timeless quality. Yes, there are nods to the period in which it is set, but the overall themes are timeless, and this makes *Cemetery Junction* a film that stands up on its own.

VERDICT - Another success story for Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant, *Cemetery Junction* makes for a hugely watchable film.

A strong script and performances make this a coming-of-age tale well worth watching, and *Cemetery Junction* a stop well worth getting off at.

Highly recommended.

Celebration evening as Vale Show honours prizewinners

IT was celebration time at Ewenny and Corntown Cricket Club when the Vale of Glamorgan Show held its annual dinner and field class prize giving.

Fiona and Huw James catered and a delicious beef dinner was enjoyed by all.

Following the dinner, John Hanks, chairman of the society, announced the prizewinners for 2009, with president Mrs Mary Thomas awarding the cups.

Prizewinners include:

- HD Hanks & Son - best clamp of silage.
- R & L Anthony - best bag of silage.
- Gareth Rees - long term grass ley.
- RS Thomas & Son - short term grass ley.
- EH Radcliffe & Son - best field of winter barley.
- RJ Thomas & Son - best field of winter oats.
- EH Radcliffe & Son - best field of winter wheat.
- PC Thomas & Son - best field of spring barley.
- RJ Thomas & Son - best winter oilseed crop.
- R & L Anthony - best field of beans.
- VJ Thomas & Son - best field of maize.
- E Williams & Son - best clamp of maize.
- TW Jarvis & Son - best acre of potatoes.

The Cup for the winner of the most points in the combinable crop section was won by EH Radcliffe & Son, Penmark Place.

The Victor Ludorum Trophy for the highest number of points in the agricultural section on show day 2009 was won by VJ Thomas & Son, Pancross Farm, Llanccarfan.

Mr David Harris, show director, thanked the president for all her work for the society over many years. The society is looking forward to hosting the 2010 show on August 11 in Fommon Castle.

For further information, log on to www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk or telephone 01446 710099.



ABOVE: The Rees family of Wrinstone Farm, Wenvoe, with the George Gibson Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best long term ley.



ABOVE: Peter Jarvis of Gelli Goll, Llansannor, receiving the Llancarfan Ploughing Match society perpetual challenge cup for the best acre of potatoes.



ABOVE: Mr. John Hanks with the Major Frank Homfray Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best clamp of silage.



ABOVE: Tony Thomas receiving the Vivian Thomas Memorial Trophy for the most agricultural points on show day.



ABOVE: Julian Radcliffe with the Robert Thomas Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup for the highest points in the combinable corn section.



ABOVE: Mike Thomas of Sutton Newydd Farm, Wick receiving the best winter oilseed vup.



ABOVE: Nick Thomas of Splott Farm receiving the cup for the best field of Spring barley.

RIGHT: Mr Richard Anthony receiving the cup for the best bag of silage.

We welcome your news. Please email them to: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Open Morning

Saturday 8th May 2010
9.30am - 12.00 noon

- A friendly and caring community with a strong academic tradition
- Results are extraordinarily good - the range of subjects offered amazes one! Good Schools Guide
- One of the UK's oldest and most successful independent schools
- Individual mentoring and support prevails throughout

For more information: visit www.christcollegebrecon.com or contact the Admissions Registrar, on 01874 615440 or email admissions@christcollegebrecon.com

A Personal Invitation to Christ College

IAM delighted to invite you to Christ College Brecon on Saturday May 8th, for our annual Spring Open Morning.

This begins at 9.30 am and is for anyone who wants to find out more about life at the school. I look forward to meeting you and introducing you to members of staff and pupils. We can give you a first hand account of what it is to live, work and play in this unique environment. You will be taken on a tour to see for yourselves the excellent facilities and opportunities available on this beautiful campus.

At Christ College we are looking

for young people with the potential to take full advantage of all that is on offer here, which is why we offer scholarships to those with academic, sporting, musical or artistic flair, and bursaries for those in financial need. The only way to see if the school might be right for your child is to visit, ask questions and experience the atmosphere.

We all look forward to welcoming you to Christ College. **Emma Taylor**
Head of Christ College Brecon

For more details please call Mrs Margaret Stephens on 01874 615440 or visit www.christcollegebrecon.com

A GLITTERING NIGHT FOR BARRY COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS 2010



The award winners on stage.

BARRY Memorial Hall recently played host to the Barry College Annual Awards Ceremony, now in its fifth year.

More than 300 learners, staff, sponsors and guests from local business and industry arrived for the ceremony to celebrate the success and achievements of the college.

The evening began with a drinks reception in the Bedwas Hall before guests were welcomed into the main hall by principal and chief executive of Barry College, Paul Halstead.

Guests enjoyed a three-course gourmet meal prepared and served by Barry College Hospitality and Catering learners and staff.

After coffee, college

principal Paul Halstead introduced the evening with a welcome and review of the year.

Cultural historian, writer and broadcaster Professor Peter Stead, then gave a short talk about the history of Barry, with special reference to the importance that the town has always placed upon education.

Then it was time to turn the spotlight on to the 40 learners and 13 staff members who received awards at the ceremony. All 45 awards were sponsored by local and national organisations, with representatives from these organisations presenting the award. The University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC) was the main sponsor of the event.

The ceremony, hosted by television presenter

Frances Donovan, began by singling out a learner from every curriculum area of the college. These learners were chosen for excellence and achievement in their subject area.

One learner who was recognised was hospitality and catering learner Daniel Mack. The 19-year-old from Barry now works for renowned chef Stephen Terry at his Abergavenny restaurant, the Hardwick.

"I came to Barry College because it was in the local area for me – I didn't have to travel or anything like that," Daniel said.

"The course at college was really good. I did some work experience for Stephen Terry after he came in to the college. I worked for free for a week and not long after that he offered me a job."

"I'm loving it! It's hard work, but it's just the sort of thing I have always wanted to do."

Next came the cross college and staff awards. The cross college awards celebrate learners and staff across all curriculum areas, and are chosen for their outstanding achievements.

One winner of a cross college Award was BSc aeronautical maintenance learner Muhammad Farouk Abdul Rashid, who won the 'international student' award. His tutor Richard Hepple said: "Farouk has had excellent attendance throughout the course and has achieved academic results which indicated he is in line to achieve a first class honours degree in his course – BSc Aeronautical Maintenance."

Farouk (24) from Malaysia, and currently living in Pontypridd, said: "I feel very happy and honoured to have received this award."

"It's very enjoyable to learn all about aircraft

maintenance. I like to come to Barry and I also like studying at the University of Glamorgan. The experienced lecturers from ICAT also have been very helpful all this time to me and my international coursemates."

To celebrate the college's 50th anniversary, this year saw the first Barry College Founder's award. This was won by business management learner Melanie Asthenidis-Dawson in recognition of her determination to complete her course after suffering a horrific accident.

The last award to be presented was the principal's award. This prestigious award was presented to the learner who most reflected college values through outstanding achievement, attitude or participation in extra-curricular activities. Individuals were nominated by college staff and the winner chosen by the principal.

The delighted winner of this award was Marius Miknis. Marius came to Barry College after his parents relocated to the area from Lithuania, and has gained top grades on the BTEC first diploma and BTEC National Diploma in IT.

"Marius's achievements are even more worthy of recognition as, during his time at college, Marius overcame language difficulties, learning through English – his second language," course tutors Dave Morgan and Theresa Kadach said.

Following the presentation of the awards, chair of governors Peter Cope gave a vote of thanks, congratulating all the award winners. He added that Barry College is a positive, dynamic institution that works hard to ensure learner success.

The college would

like to thank all of its sponsors who supported the event, particularly the main sponsors. The support of the sponsors ensures that the success of learners continues to be celebrated in such a high quality way.

Curriculum Area Awards – Access to FE / HE, Luzetta Badminton; Accountancy, Teresa Marshall; Aeronautical Engineering, Matthew McGranaghan; Art and Design, Craig Webber; Beauty and Holistic Therapy, Nadine Bin-Said; Business and Administration, Adam Taylor; Childcare, Gareth Courtman;

Construction, Brickwork (Barry), Daniean Mort; Construction, Brickwork (Cardiff), Kevin Spear; Construction Carpentry (Barry), David Nugent-Finn; Construction, Carpentry (Cardiff), Dale Barratt;

Construction, Painting and Decorating, Celia Jones; Counselling, Tracy Cowdry; Engineering, Scott Kihlberg; Foundation Skills, James Davies; Hairdressing, Carl Wenbridge; Health, Care and Welfare, Elaine Jones; Hospitality and Catering, Daniel Mack; IT and Computing, Daniel Twomey; Plumbing, Mike Giovannelli; Public Services, Jonathan Jones; Sport and Fitness, Sinead Mellinn; Teaching and Training, Kim Shord; Travel and Tourism, Lucy Perry.

Principal's Awards – Assistant Principal's Award (Enterprise), Huw Edwards; Assistant Principal's Award (Sustainable Development), Heather Pennington; Vice Principal's Award (Contribution to College Life), Gareth James; Founder's Award, Marius Miknis.

Cross College Awards – Adult Learning, John Norman



ABOVE:

Stephen Terry, sponsor of the Hospitality and Catering award, with winner Daniel Mack and Barry College chef lecturer Kevin Fairlie.



ABOVE:

Yvonne Weekly of award sponsor SET, International Student of the Year Muhammad Farouk Abdul Rashid, and aerospace engineering head of department, Jeff Moore.

U3A learns about prisoner rehabilitation

STEVE MORGAN from HMP Parc, Bridgend, was the speaker at the April meeting of Cowbridge U3A.

He started his presentation by quoting a number of statistics which illustrate what a large enterprise the Bridgend prison is.

It has a population of 1,200 adult prisoners ranging in age from 21 to 86, plus a young offenders unit. To operate this prison there is a staff of 600.

A high proportion of the inmates suffer from a very wide range of mental problems, addiction to drugs and alcohol, and learning difficulties.

In Steve's opinion, what all prisoners require is help to resolve their problems. He and

his colleagues work hard to establish prisoners' needs and to provide the required help.

Their objective is to equip them with the skills they need to fit in with normal society when they are released. Steve was very proud of the community work they were able to do, and this included help with rebuilding Cowbridge town wall, and making the reproduction stocks for Cowbridge.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, Gweryl Gardner stated that like most people, she had very little knowledge of prisons and had found the presentation very informative and interesting.

This motion was enthusiastically supported by all present.

Welsh uprising at Cosmeston!

YET again, the Lord of Cosmeston Manor is to be found upsetting his neighbours!

As he feasts and carouses, stopping only to punish some of his less well-behaved peasants, he little realises that in the surrounding woods and glades the Welsh are preparing for war.

Owain Glyndwr has raised the men and women of south Wales to fight against their despised overlord! They have had enough of Cosmeston's lord and intend to attack the village!

Prior to the battle, from May 2-3 (11am-

5pm), visitors can see medieval crafts and stalls and enjoy entertainments throughout the day. These will range from warriors in combat and archery displays, through to the gentle skills of the medieval herbalist and the nasty and bloody work of the surgeon!

A great fun day out for the family, medieval displays, fascinating crafts, and all culminating in an attack on the village by the warriors of Wales!

Entrance to the village for the Welsh uprising – adult £5, family £12 (two adults, three children), under six years free; concessions/children/OAP £3. For more information, call 029 2070 1678.

Barry College Annual Awards Evening 2010

Barry College would like to thank all sponsors who supported the evening.

To view all photographs from the event, log onto the official Barry College Facebook Page - just search for Barry College and click on I ♥ Barry.

www.barry.ac.uk

Successful Family Businesses

3 PAGE FEATURE



Enjoy some tranquility amidst your busy schedule. . .
This idyllic smallholding now serves light refreshments,
sourced from local produce.

Sandwiches
Snacks
Salads
Cream Teas



and for our younger
guests there is a
Dinky Dexters
menu - various
tea time treats!

Dexters is a country tearoom where you can chill out!

DEXTERS @ FELINDRE MILL on the border of the Vale is a farm with a difference, and is just two minutes from J35/M4 and 10 minutes from Cowbridge.

Our country tearoom, set in a traditional timber-framed barn, offers morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon tea. There is even a tasty, dinky Dexters menu for the children! So if you are looking for somewhere to chill out, or meet friends for a coffee and a chat, why not call in and see us? We're sure Boris the cockerel and his brood of hens will be pleased to see you.

Linda, Geraint and family extend a warm welcome to you all.

Open Saturdays and Sundays 11.00 am - 5.00 pm
New selection of hand-made crafts and cards.



**Dexters @
Felindre Mill**
PENCOED CF35 5HU
☎ 01656 860017
www.dextersfarm.co.uk
Please visit us and
the animals soon!

Vale family businesses are the bedrock of commerce

WHILE economic stories often concentrate on the importance of multi-national companies, it is often forgotten just how critical family-run businesses are to the community – particularly in the Vale.

Many family concerns have stood the test of time and go back four or five generations.

The rural nature of the Vale means that a number of firms supply agricultural and animal related items – feeds, vehicles, farming machinery, and garden products.

For farmers, gardeners, and horse and pet owners, there's an attraction in dealing with a well-known face with specialist knowledge that isn't going to be here one moment and gone the next!

Family businesses, by their nature, put down roots and invest in an area.

The pub and restaurant

trade is one of the most visible examples of families 'seizing the bull by the horns' – to use a rural term – and investing in the local community.

Over the years, The GEM has highlighted numerous examples of people taking over an ailing country pub, and with commitment, and a desire to provide a great service to the community, being able to sustain their long term dream.

The 'hardy perennial' businesses of everyday life – butchers, bakers, local shops offering everything from fashion to home interiors, funeral directors and vehicle suppliers – shouldn't be forgotten either.

A final thought on the service offered by family businesses. If you've dealt with a person, however helpful, in one of our great multi-nationals, how memorable have they been? How much time have they been able to devote to you? And a family concern?

Case made.

CROSSLANDS' NEW POOL IS A BOON TO ACHING BONES!

A NEW treatment is available at Crossland Kennels, now that its hydrotherapy centre has been opened.

The owners, Mike and Julie Jones, have been established there since 2001, and recent developments also include 11 extra kennels, and a grooming parlour.

Crosslands is a fully-fledged member of the Canine Hydrotherapy Association, and the centre has a heat-

ed pool and an aquatic treadmill, allowing the therapists to choose the best course of treatment for any dog.

Hydrotherapy can be beneficial for a variety of conditions, including: Hip and elbow dysplasia; arthritis; spinal injuries and paralysis; cruciate ligament injuries; pre-operative muscle strengthening; post-operative fitness and muscle rebuilding; obesity and weight management and general fitness, where it is particularly useful for working and agility dogs.

All dogs require a veterinary referral before using the centre.



Crosslands is a member of the Canine Hydrotherapy Association

CROSSLANDS HYDROTHERAPY CENTRE

A complimentary therapy which can be beneficial for:

- Hip and Elbow Dysplasia ● Arthritis ● Spinal Injuries and Paralysis
- Cruciate Ligament Injuries ● Pre-operative Muscle strengthening
- Post-operative Fitness and Muscle Rebuilding
- Obesity and Weight Management
- General Fitness (particularly useful for working and agility dogs).

**CROSSLANDS KENNELS, LLANDOW,
VALE OF GLAMORGAN. CF71 7PY**

For further information please contact

01446 793103 or e-mail us at

crosslandshydrotherapy@hotmail.co.uk

William James and sons

There are many things which can make a business successful, one is the ability to change with the times, another is to provide a quality, professional service – One such family-run business is W James & Sons, Fommon who are builders and funeral directors.

Established in 1860 by William James, the original company reflected the agricultural nature of the area and included a wheelwright and blacksmith. There was also a building arm to the firm. When agricultural technology changed so did the business, with the building and funeral side taking precedent.

In 2010 the firm is celebrating 150 years in business, now being run by the joint partners, John James, who is fourth generation, managing the funeral side and David Cooper, fifth generation, managing the building side.

John and David are pleased and proud to still be serving the Vale of Glamorgan after 150 years and believe the combined family experience will stand them in good stead for many years to come.

"These strange economic times, and past recessions, have presented a challenge, but we help each other out whenever the need arises. On both sides of the business it is important to keep up with current legislation and regulations. On the building side David covers the full range of work from small repairs through to extensions and complete houses."

John concedes that the funeral side can be very demanding, but manages to separate work from his home life even though he can be on call 24 hours a day throughout the year, stating "We treat each client with understanding, care and compassion. It is a privilege to deal with people and their families at such an emotional and sensitive time, with differing needs individually catered for."



David & John

William James and sons

Established 1860

FONMON, RHOOSE, NR BARRY

Celebrating 150 years of continuous family business serving Barry, the Vale of Glamorgan and surrounding areas.

Private Chapel of Rest.

24 hours
Personal Service.

Pre-paid Funeral Plans
Available.

Building:

01446 719100

Funerals:

01446 710096



**Builders and
Funeral Directors**



CREATIVE WINDOW & BUILD SOLUTIONS LTD

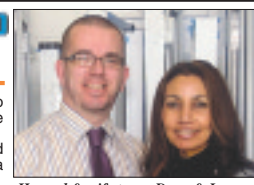
Creative Window and Build Solutions is a local company committed to providing innovative energy efficient products at affordable prices. We offer a wide range of products and services all through one company.

Husband and wife team Dean and Leanne Edmonds believe hard work, determination and commitment are the key attributes to running a successful family business.

Dean explains "These key ingredients form the business ethos we are fully dedicated to. By incorporating these values into our business on a daily basis, the team at Creative Window and Build Solutions provide a level of service that more than meets our customer's expectations. This, in return provides us future work by recommendations which continues to be our main source of business."

Leanne adds "Being a close knit team, means we give our customers a friendly, helpful, assistance from the initial contact through to completion, and not forgetting the crucial after sales service. We are proud of the relationships we build with our customers, which is the main reason the company has been so successful."

"More than just a window company", Creative is committed to growing this family run, home improvement company. With its roots firmly bedded in the Vale they are becoming a reputable household name for providing local people with the right choice of products & services at the right price.



Husband & wife team, Dean & Leanne Edmonds, are delighted to celebrate the successful launch of their contemporary range of orangeries.

CREATIVE WINDOW & BUILD SOLUTIONS LTD goes Orange

We have
Showhomes available
to view now in Sully
and Barry

Thinking of a conservatory or an extension this year?
Need extra living space? Working from home?

Creative Window and Build Solutions are proud to present . . . Our MODENA orangerie.
Our range of New Generation-Energy Efficient Orangeries is your answer.

So, if you are thinking of a conservatory or extension,
but want something different, Contact Creative
- The Vale's leading Orangery Specialists on

01446 746353

to arrange your free survey, or to view one
of our Modena showhomes

**SPECIAL OFFER
£1,000 OFF**
our range of orangeries for orders
placed during April with this voucher!



Unit 7 Priority Workshops,
Ty Verlon Industrial Estate,
Barry. CF63 2BE
Email: info@creativewbs.com
Web: www.creativewbs.com



Successful Family Businesses



THE THREE HORSESHOES

Moulton, Nr Barry



Ian, Steve & Richard

Smart, comfortable decor, creating a welcoming ambience for a new dining experience.



Enjoy quality food Lunchtimes & Evenings
NEW MENU AVAILABLE

Mon-Thurs lunchtimes
11.30am-2.30pm;
evenings 5pm onwards

All day
Friday, Saturday and Sunday

- Traditional Sunday Roast
- Daily Specials Board
- Superb Selection of Home-Made Desserts

NEW WEEKLY GUEST ALES

Premium draught lagers, including Peroni
Al Fresco dining & outside play area
Play Barn and children's party room
We also cater for private parties, weddings, celebrations etc.
Large car park and skittle alley.
Minibus service available

Telephone: 01446 710428

SMOLANNY'S



Andrew & Cathy Lane

A little bit about Smolanny's . . .

Launched in 2005, Smolanny's is the brainchild of local couple Cathy Lane and her husband Andrew Lane.

The shop, named after their 3 children Sam, Molly & Annie, was opened through their own experiences of having to travel to purchase quality items for their children which made them aware of a necessity for an outlet of this type in the area.

The shop at 1 High Street, Barry is well stocked with items that are dedicated to babies and children, so when it comes to choosing the latest products for your baby or child, Smolanny's should be your first stop. At Smolanny's we stock the very latest selection of nursery products, baby gifts, toys and clothing, all of which we have personally sourced with the modern family in mind.

We specialize in top quality designer brands and the moment you walk in the door you can see that it is a well organized, quality shop, which offers customers of all ages good old fashioned value for money, and most importantly, help and advice when needed to make those very special purchases.



We stock an exclusive range of nursery equipment, designer children's fashion and large selection of toys

10% OFF

Lelli Kelly

SHOES

only with this advert

5th Anniversary Champagne Weekend

Friday, 7th,
Saturday 8th &
Sunday 9th May

10% OFF IN STORE

Plus many additional offers

CLOTHING
Little Darlings • IKKS • Sugar Loaf
• Oxygen Kids
• Emile et Rose • Pampolina
• Crocs • Lego
• French Connection • Lelli Kelly Canvas
Shoes and School Shoes • Bonnie Baby
• Raincoats by Wipette Kids and Hatley
• Abella and Coco

NURSERY PRODUCTS
• Bugaboo • Maclaren • Quinny • O BABY
• Maxi-Cosi • I-Candy • Phil & Ted's
• Out and About • Babystyle • Mutsy
• Petit-Star • Brio

TOYS
• John Crane • Manhattan Toy
• The Wagon Company
• Didi Car • Micro Scooters



Converse Trainers for Boys & Girls



1 High Street, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan. CF62 7DZ

Tel 01446 738884

www.smolannysbaby.co.uk

www.smolannysbaby.co.uk

NOW OPEN SUNDAY 12pm - 4pm

Mon - Sat 9.30am - 5.30pm

For additional information please email: info@smolannysbaby.co.uk



Free House • Family Run
• Extensive Menu

All freshly prepared, using the finest local produce

Now open 5.30pm (Mon-Sat) for food

DAILY TWO-COURSE SPECIALS £8.95

LUNCHTIME (Served Mon-Sat) Menu
choices include popular roast option!



SUNDAY ROAST and BAR MEALS from £7.95

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: TWO COURSES £9.95

5.30-7.30pm. 7 days

FOOD SERVED SUNDAY EVENINGS 6.30 - 9pm

Function room for parties of up to 55 people

01446 773943

Victoria Inn SIGINGSTONE Nr Cowbridge

Three generation family run business with 30 years experience of owning, with hands-on running of pubs and restaurants in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The O'Leary family purchased the Victoria Inn, Singingstone in April 2006. Owners Peter, Joan and their son Michael with wife Beryl and now their children Rhys, Jade and Sam are always present at the Victoria to ensure a warm, family welcome is extended.

All meals are freshly prepared and cooked at the premises.

Now introducing their award winning, young, french chef Ludovic Pouetre to join their happy team.

Customers can enjoy their traditional, home-cooked favourites plus exciting new additions, courtesy of 'Ludo'.



STABLE! - STRONG! - JOHN DEERE!
PREMIUM OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE

The finest way to collect grass!
John Deere X300R Mower

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST!

Your John Deere dealer - he's like having your own personal lawncare partner!

- Free Home Delivery
- On-site servicing
- Factory trained
- Best parts availability

Whether you want to collect, mulch or throw clippings, we have a mower for you. Also in stock are John Deere walk behind Mowers, Husqvarna trimmers, chain saws and hedge trimmers.

The only thing more impressive than John Deere equipment? The people standing behind it!

OPEN NOW: St Mary Hill, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan CF35 5DU. Tel: 01656 865979

Out of Hours:
BEN SUTTON
07887 506697

CASTLE GARAGE, RAGLAN, MONMOUTH NP15 2HH

Telephone:
01291 690442
Fax:
01291 690541

E-mail: frank@franksutton.co.uk • www.franksutton.co.uk

Frank Sutton opens at St Mary Hill, Bridgend

AFTER a long wait and some initial problems, our popular family firm, established 48 years, can happily say that we are now open for business in St Mary Hill, Pencoed, Bridgend.

We have a permanent stores manager working there. Glyn Evans, and we are also in the process of building another workshop.

We would like to thank all of our customers in the area for dealing with us and we hope that the new depot will be better placed to service their needs.

We also look forward to dealing with new customers and businesses in the area.

'Serving you for the future' - Frank Sutton Ltd.

Successful Family Businesses

A century of service by four generations to Cowbridge and the surrounding community.



ARTHUR JOHN & Co. Outdoor Clothing • Ironmongery
Hardware • Cookware
www.arthurjohn.co.uk

Attention gardeners...
Check out our stock of compost, growbags, bark, fertilizers and seeds.

NOW A WIDER RANGE OF
Horse Feeds, Dog and Cat Food,
Horse/Pet Wormers and Frontline Pet
Flea Control NOW IN STOCK



**DODSON
&
HORREL**

Competitive prices for Wood Shavings **PLUS** Fencing, gates and general maintenance products
NAF and TRM nutritional feeds and most makes of Horse Feed available plus **SHIRES** Equestrian Sundries. **JOULES** Clothing stockist.

Now at: **43 High Street and Farm Shop, North Road, Cowbridge • 01446 772229 - Local Delivery**

The Vale of Glamorgan Inn



High Street, COWBRIDGE

A Real Pub

HOME-COOKED MEALS
served from 12 noon - 2.00pm
Monday to Saturday

- Real ales
- Real Fires
- Real Welcome
- Families Welcome

*This is a
Traditional
Friendly Pub
with a large
beer garden
and a Great
Family
Atmosphere.*

Tel: 01446 772252

VALE 4x4 LTD

NORTH ROAD, COWBRIDGE
YOU'LL FIND US OPPOSITE ARTHUR JOHN'S



DON'T FORGET
WE LOOK AFTER ALL
MAKES OF VEHICLES
NOT JUST 4x4s

Why not book your pride & joy in
and have a wander around Cowbridge
while the work is being carried out.

01446 773768
email: vale4x4@btconnect.com

Breast Cancer group gives members a lift

ON April 14, members and friends of the Cowbridge LIFT enjoyed a talk on positive living, given by a senior occupational therapist from Velindre Hospital.

Voluntary organisation LIFT (Life Is For Today) is a self help group for those affected by breast cancer.

It meets regularly to offer support and friendship for people living in the Vale.

LIFT group member Jan Beaven said: "Having been diagnosed in 2007, the LIFT Group has been a lifeline and I

really appreciate all the support the group has given me."

The next LIFT group meeting will be in Cowbridge on April 28 between 10am and 1pm. It will include relaxation therapies such as reiki, reflexology and Indian head massage.

The LIFT Group has already welcomed five new members since January, and this will be an ideal opportunity for anyone affected by breast cancer to come along for coffee and a chat.

Please contact Hilary on 01446 749756 or Anne on 01446 772843 for a programme or further information.

'Design a Logo' competition open to Vale pupils

TO celebrate its 10th birthday, the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market is running a 'Design a Logo' competition for 9-11 year olds at schools in the Vale.

The winner will receive £50 for themselves and £50 for their school, and the winning entry will be printed on a re-usable cotton shopping bag which will be distributed to market shoppers.

On the first and third Saturday every month in the Arthur John car park, approximately 30 stalls sell a variety of produce. A monthly market is also run on the fourth Saturday of the month at

Westbourne School, Penarth.

"The competition is an opportunity for children to learn about the ethos of the Farmers' Market and the fresh, healthy, locally produced food it provides," said Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market chairman, Anders Leijerstam.

All primary schools in the Vale have been circulated with the competition details and the closing date is May 17. The presentation to the winner will be on July 3.

The winner of the Farmers' Market hamper in April was schoolboy Sion Esau, aged 12, who was accompanying his father to the market.

It's the Kloe and Chloe show!

WITH the Icelandic volcanic ash issue decimating numbers of overseas competitors, this year's Scottish International Open, which took place at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium last weekend, was largely a Scotland-England event, with a small Vale Karate squad being Wales' only entrants.

However, Vale Karate's young champions flew the Welsh flag with pride.

Kloe Christoforato landed a hat-trick of titles at the event.

Remarkably, the under-10 girls Kata title has come to Vale Karate for the past four years. In 2008, Jessica Kinson was champion, with Chloe Fry beating Kloe in last year's final.

Jessica and Chloe, both now 10-years-old, have moved up to the under-12s where both reached the last four,

with former British champion Jessica earning a bronze, and former Commonwealth champion Chloe taking the gold medal.

With two gold medals secured, Vale Karate's trio of Welsh champions contesting the under-14 boys Kata event all gave everything to improve on that number, but it was not to be.

Bradley Christoforato, Nick Sherrin and Sion Kinson were up against some of Britain's best and had a torrid time.

However, when the dust had settled, Sion had progressed to the last four, where he had to settle for a hard-fought bronze medal.

Vale Karate's final competitor, Demi White, was entered in the under-14, plus-45Kg girls Kumite event, and weighing 46Kg, was surely the lightest in the large group.

She won no fewer than four rounds before finally succumbing, in extra time of the final, to a much bigger Scottish girl to earn a silver medal.

RC



THE Re-upholstery Curtain & Net Centre is owned by husband and wife Rhys and Ann Jones.

The business started up 23 years ago, as antique restoration and re-upholstery. After two years, the business expanded into made-to-measure curtains and interior design by Ann Jones.

When Rayers closed, and later Dan Evans, the stock gradually grew to meet demand. They now stock the largest range of net curtains in the Vale of Glamorgan, along with ready-made curtains and all accessories.

Rhys concentrates on the re-upholstery and interior design. Specialising in contract upholstery and refurbishment for pubs, clubs and domestic clients.

"No job too small or too big!" says Rhys.

RE-UPHOLSTERY CURTAIN & NET CENTRE

CURTAINS MADE TO MEASURE

Superb range of Window Nets in stock

Foam & Seat Cushion Service

Fully Lined, Ready Made Curtains from £31.99 - Amazing!

Full Re-Upholstery Service

CURTAIN ALTERATION SERVICE

**2 CHURCH ROAD
CADOXTON · BARRY
Tel. 01446 735259**

Unit B New Street
Bridgend CF31 3UD
Tel: 01656 648600
Fax: 01656 750160



QUALITY FEED MERCHANTS

Suppliers of Farm, Equestrian and Pet Foods

A full range of feeds available from Red Mills, Dobson and Horrel, Spillers, Baileys and many more. The best prices on Horse Rugs and tack, everything you need for the horse and rider.

Fertilizers and seeds, soil sampling service available. Fencing material for the farm or around the garden including decking. An excellent range of hardware, and full range of gardening products.

NEW BUSINESS EXTENSION STAYS IN THE FAMILY...

EDWARDS Machinery Ltd is located on Bridgend Industrial Estate on the same site as Glamorgan Farm Supplies Ltd.

Established just over six years ago and primarily dealing with buying and selling farm machinery, Edwards Machinery Ltd covers the south Wales area and has various franchises, including Kverneland, Bailey Trailers, Major, Protech, Fleming, Opico, Nugent and many more.

After being asked by (father) Stewart Edwards of GFS, to come and help manage the fast-growing family business, Robbie Edwards introduced machinery sales.

Having a sound knowledge of tractors, farm machinery and customer requirements, linked with a background in farming, Robbie has enabled the business to develop into the success it is today.

EDWARDS MACHINERY LTD
Unit B New Street
Bridgend Industrial Estate
Bridgend, CF31 3UD
Mob: 07855 301107
Tel: 01656 664155
Fax: 01656 750956
www.edwardsmachinery.co.uk

**BRAND NEW MACHINERY
USED TRACTORS & MACHINERY SPECIALISTS**
Good sound advice available on our full range of machinery. We also supply a huge range of parts for all makes of tractors and machinery at very competitive prices. Always looking for tractors and machinery, so pick up the phone if you have something to sell.

Asprou & Sons BARBER SHOP

FOR QUALITY GENTS HAIRDRESSING



ASPROU & SONS barber shop is one of Barry's longest running businesses in quality gents' hairdressing.

John Asprou first started his barbers' business in 1963 and is proud that his son and grandsons are following in this long-established family profession.

Stas, John's son, is running the barber shop on Broad Street Parade, along with his son Yianni, but the business is relocating on May 10 to 12a Market Street (formerly the taxi office) opposite Wetherspoons.

Harry is running the barbers at 224 Holton Road, called Peter's Barbers (Basset end of Holton Road).

**We are moving on
Monday 10th May, from
14 Broad Street Parade, Barry to
12a Market Street
Tel: 01446 742323
(formerly Taxi Office)
OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK MON-SAT 9AM-5.30PM
Also at PETER'S BARBERS,
224 Holton Road,
Barry (Basset End).**

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

Porthcawl sand dunes are a cross country test

COWBRIDGE under-13 and under-16 cross country teams travelled to St John's School in Porthcawl to compete in the annual sand dune race.

The weather conditions were ideal for cross country and, with the addition of Brynteg competing this year, competition was much harder than previous years.

In the first race (the under-13 girls), Annabel Curle (year-8) led the Cowbridge girls home in fourth place behind a very strong Brynteg winner. Rebecca Thomas (year-7), came in next in sixth place, followed by Nadine James in eighth and Alice Tudor ninth. These four girls made up the scoring team and came in first, beating off Brynteg.

Other Cowbridge finishers were Ella Emyr 12th, Eleanor Bishop 15th, Brooke Langton-Cryer 16th, Niamh Gallagher 31st and Sophie Thomas 32nd.

With a depleted under-16 team, with Rachel Bradshaw resting for her final Welsh hockey trials in Brecon on the weekend, Katie Wynne with music commitments, and Rebecca John with a French exchange student, the chances of regaining the title was slim against Brynteg.

Fiona Bray was the top finisher of the day, in second, and Miriam Bennett had a good run in third.

Verity Morgan was next to finish in sixth place, and last minute replacement Lydia James ran a good race to finish 12th place. Unfortunately, the team was two points behind Brynteg, coming second in the team places.

Rachel Bradshaw qualified for the Welsh under-16 hockey team after her weekend trials and played against Scotland over the Easter holidays.

Cricket

As reigning County Indoor Cricket winners, Cowbridge competed against two teams from Whitchurch to regain their title.

In the first match, Cowbridge faced Whitchurch 'B' team. Cowbridge bowled first, with Lucie Jones opening the bowling.

In the first over, eight runs were scored with two of these coming from a wide ball and two wickets were taken.

In the second over, no runs were made by Whitchurch and Rachel Jones took three wickets.

Lucie Jones bowled her second over and took a further wicket with only one run made. Rachel bowled again, giving one wide and one run was scored.

Lucie Jones bowled her third over, taking another wicket and bowling one wide.

Romy Killick had her first chance to bowl and took the eighth wicket, with Whitchurch scoring one run and Romy giving one wide, making the final score 8 for 17 runs.

Lucie Jones then went into bat with Rachel Jones. Rachel was quickly caught, so Rachel Bradshaw went into bat with Lucie. Seventeen runs were quickly made so Rachel and Lucie both retired, allowing the rest of the team to practise.

All eight players for Cowbridge had a chance of



ABOVE: The girls indoor cricket team.

batting over the 12 overs, with a final score of 105 for 4 wickets.

While Whitchurch A played Whitchurch B, Cowbridge got a chance to get some practice before playing Whitchurch A.

Cowbridge bowled first, with Rachel opening a six-run score followed by Lucie Johnson, who took a wicket. Whitchurch's best player scored many sixes to put Cowbridge under pressure.

Mairi Boxall took a Whitchurch wicket and Romy Killick three.

After 12 overs, Whitchurch had scored 81 for 6 wickets.

Cowbridge batted and Rachel Bradshaw was out for 10 runs, quickly followed by Lucie Johnson. Losing Rachel and Lucie so early put pressure on the team.

Laura Howells and Mairi Boxall put on an excellent display with Laura having to retire after scoring 25 and Mairi out for 19.

Romy Killick finished off the innings for a total of 86 runs for 2.

The team now wait to hear if they go to the Welsh finals, or if they have got straight through to Lords to play in the UK finals.

Hockey

Cowbridge year-7 hockey team played in their annual Cardiff and Vale preliminary tournament at Bryn Hafren.

The team had a run of bad luck, with fixtures cancelled due to bad weather and pitch unavailability, so the team had only played two matches before this tournament.

In the first match, Cowbridge played Llanedeyrn. Hannah Lister-Simms, Megan McNamee and Rosa Hartman attacked powerfully from the whistle with Ellie Eddy-Williams, Emily Davies and Evie Williams stopping the ball going anywhere near the defending circle.

Rosa Hartman scored twice, making the final score 2-0. In the second game against Bryn Hafren, the girls found the goal a few more times, with Hannah Lister-Simms, Meg McNamee and Ellie Eddy-Williams scoring one each and Rosa Hartman scoring twice.

One of these goals came off a very skilful short corner where Ellie hit the ball in, Hannah stopped it

The boys' basketball squad.



and hit it to Rosa and she knocked it in. The final score was 5-0.

In the third game against Bro Morganwg, the defence of Alice Tucker, Tilly Hall, Caitlin Jones, Megan Thorne and Sian Dumblebee had to work harder to keep Bro Morganwg from scoring.

Evie Williams was outstanding in this match and scored a well-deserved goal for her efforts and once again Rosa scored, making it a goal in every match. With the final result 2-0, the girls won the tournament and then went on to the county finals tournament.

Player of the match: Ellie Eddy-Williams.

Year-7 in hockey finals – In the year-7 hockey finals, Cowbridge played a round robin tournament against Cardiff High School, Glangat and Llanishen.

In the first game it was evident that our defence were going to have to work a lot harder than they had at the preliminary tournament.

The defence of goalkeeper Hannah Lee, sweeper Tilly Hall, Megan Thorne, Alice Tucker and Caitlin Jones were all put under a lot of pressure but held on to a 0-0 draw at half-time.

In the second half, mistakes in defence allowed gaps to open for two easy goals from Llanishen.

In the second game against Cardiff High, midfielder Ellie Eddy-Williams went into defence and did an incredible job of keeping shots away from goalie Hannah Lee. Caitlin Jones also picked up some strength and made some good tackles throughout the game.

Cardiff High scored one goal during the match, making it two losses for Cowbridge.

Not to go home with the wooden spoon, Glangat were the last game and they had also lost against Cardiff High and Llanishen.

Cowbridge attacked well with Megan McNamee, Rosa Hartman, Emily Davies, Evie Williams, Hannah Lister-Simms all working hard to create good scoring opportunities, but unfortunately no goals were scored at the Glangat end.

Due to Hannah Lee's two amazing saves and excellent defence work by Cowbridge, Glangat could not score either, resulting in a 0-0 draw.

Glangat and Cowbridge finished joint third, with Llanishen first after beating Cardiff High in the final game.

Player of the match: Hannah Lee.

Football

Year-7 played the Cardiff & Vale Schools Football Cup second round against Cantonian High School and won 3-1 with goals by Jonathan Harvey, Joe Davies and Tom Lucas.

Against Cathedral School A team, they lost 4-2 with goals by Joe Davies and Tom Lucas. The B team won 4-2 with goals by Harvey Stockton (2) and Josef Trearne (2).

Against Cardiff High School in the quarter-final

cup, the score was 3-3 at full-time and still 3-3 after extra time, Cowbridge lost on penalties 4-2 with goals by Ben Jones, Joe Davies and Tom Lucas; penalties by Ben Jones and Tom Lucas.

It was disappointing finish for the team, who were winning 3-1 with 10 minutes to go. The boys lost concentration and ball watching let the opposition in to draw level and the rest is history!

Swimming

Congratulations go to Cameron Jones (year-8) on his selection for the Welsh swimming team to compete at the Home Internationals in Scotland, which took place in March.

Basketball

The year-8 boys played a series of games in the Cardiff & Vale Schools basketball league.

They won all five games – against Barry Comprehensive School, 44-12; against Bro Morganwg 33-6; against Porthcawl Comprehensive School 38-12; and Richard Gwyn Roman Catholic School 44-20.

The year-8 team qualified for a semi-final against Willows High School, Cardiff.

Squad: George Griffiths, Tom Trotman, Josef Gaughan, Declan Thomas, Sean Rowland, Tom Owen, Harri Stubbington, Owen Ace, Sam Powner, Alex Greaves, Matthew Roberts, Llywd Elms.

Gymnastics

The results from Welsh floor and vault individual championships were as follows:

Under-13 mixed Floor Vault Total			
Tobias Swann	8.6	9.0	17.6
Liam Martin	7.9	8.7	16.6
Annabel Curle	8.7	8.8	17.5
Chloe Bridgeman	7.5	8.7	16.2
Lily Evans	8.8	9.3	18.1

Under-13 Girls			
Natasha Simmonite	8.0	8.9	16.9
Emily Johnston	7.4	8.8	16.2
Kathryn Llewellyn	8.0	8.8	16.8
Emmy Bevan	7.8	8.9	16.7
Camille Wilson-Jenkins	7.3	9.2	16.5

Under-13 Boys			
Elliott Mason	6.5	8.6	15.1
John Scott-Coombes	6.8	8.5	15.3
Declan Thomas	7.5	8.4	15.9
Tom Trotman	7.6	8.8	16.4
Josef Ricketts	6.9	8.4	15.3

Under-18 Mixed			
Dylan Layzell	7.7	9.3	17.0
Daniel Thomas	7.9	9.1	17.0
Jonathan Davies	6.8	9.1	15.9
Rebecca Thomas	8.0	8.2	16.2
Caitlin Allin	7.5	8.6	16.1
Matthew Whiteley	6.3	8.8	15.1



ABOVE: The year-7 girls team who played in the hockey finals.

Red Cross sale

THE Cowbridge Red Cross is holding another mini fabric sale on Friday, April 23 at the Boardshop Centre, 10.30am-12.30pm. Coffee and tea available.

Open the day before (same time) for donations to the sale of fabric and related items; or telephone 01446 773987 for assistance.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Admission is free.

Craft fair

THERE will be a country craft and gift fair this Saturday, April 24, at Old Hall, Westgate, Cowbridge, 10am-4pm.

Summer pot plants

LLANTWIT Major Horticultural Society meet on Wednesday,

April 28 at 7.30pm in the Llantian Hall, Llantwit Major.

The speaker this month is Clayton Radford, secretary of the Port Talbot Fuchsia Pelargonium and Pot Plant Society, and also a flower show judge.

His talk is entitled 'Fuchsias, Pelargoniums and Begonias in pots'. Admission to the lecture

and refreshments are free. Members and prospective members are warmly welcomed.

Gardening club's AGM

THE annual general meeting and seedling evening for the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, April 29 in the Lesser Hall.

Out and About with The GEM

Tears and laughter at 'An Audience with Sally Morgan'

BARRY Memorial Hall was packed last Saturday for 'An Audience with Sally Morgan'.

Having read her books and seen her on television in 'Psychic to the Stars', I was looking forward to seeing Sally Morgan live.

As I arrived, the air of anticipation and excitement was tangible as people of all ages, male and female, crowded into the auditorium to take their seats.

The first thing I noticed was the impressive stage arrangement with an interactive

by
JAN IRVING

screen and excellent sound and visibility for everyone.

Sally's entrance was greeted with loud applause and she was very quick to put the audience at ease. Over the next two hours she demonstrated her amazing psychic abilities.

Her sense of humour was evident throughout the evening, despite the many tragedies and heartaches that she touched on.

There were so many moving moments with many in the audience in tears, but followed by

plenty of laughter.

I cannot remember an evening I have enjoyed more, touching on all of my emotions.

The two hours went by all too quickly and it was with reluctance that we deservedly cheered Sally off the stage.

Sally Morgan is an amazing lady and I would highly recommend getting tickets for 'An Audience with Sally Morgan'.

Her next visit to the Memorial Hall, Barry, is on Tuesday, September 21. Get your tickets early - this is guaranteed to be yet another sell out!

Dinas Art Exhibition
DINAS POWYS Art Group's annual art exhibition and sale of original works takes place on April 24 and April 25 (10am - 4pm) at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys (entry 50p).

Refreshments and homemade cakes will be available. A percentage of sales will be donated to Marie Curie, Penarth.

This week's Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 614.

● £2000: 480086.
● The rollover, which stood at £1,500, was won by ticket No: 495616.

● £10: 416096; 370456; 551964; 784486; 545268; 846072; 683868; 813321; 123387; 491587.

● £5: 132152; 631608; 118090; 439391; 579211; 239481; 511325; 642375; 762620; 887663; 586813; 511330; 374014; 621293; 785764; 269884; 112270; 712758; 765857; 152639; 710219; 687572; 215202; 636106; 885855; 419989; 615482; 758849; 660894; 159959; 185617; 257400; 684786; 212268; 216435; 108560; 293183; 318493; 685739; 439257; 471487; 500381; 740573; 536253; 788557; 110476;

316542; 500632; 565961; 438206; 511424; 787817; 137836; 293197; 442525; 293271; 311405; 457160; 581689; 672062.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.
For lottery information, telephone 02920 672062.

A fun day for Welsh learners

B R I D G E N D College's Cowbridge Road Campus is throwing open its doors on Saturday, April 24, to 'Sadwrn Siarad' - 'Welsh Learners Day'.

More than 150 Welsh speakers are expected to attend, and they will have the perfect opportunity to practice their Welsh, meet other learners at their level and have a bit of fun as well.

Sadwrn Siarad begins at 10am (doors open at 9.30am) and runs until 3.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and include tuition, coffee and a light lunch.

To enrol, contact Bridgend College e-mail: welsh@bridgend.ac.uk or the Glamorgan Welsh for Adults Centre, or telephone 01443 483600.

Leicester's Restaurant The Great House Hotel ***

Laleston, Bridgend CF32 0HP

2 AA Rosettes

WE ARE CHANGING

Our award winning team at the Great House have created a new, reasonably priced menu to fit the current economic climate!

Main Meals between £7.95 - £14.95

Lunchtime Special 2 courses - £8.95

Still with our fantastic local fresh produce

Early Bird Dinner Special 2 courses - £14.95



GREAT SERVICE, GREAT FOOD, GREAT PRICE

Tel: 01656 657644

www.great-house-laleston.co.uk

Lifestyle gyms lower age limit

IN a bid to improve the health of young people, the minimum age for using the LifeStyle gyms at Vale leisure centres has been reduced from 16 to 14 years old.

"By lowering the minimum age, the council hope to expose teenagers to safe physical activity from a young age and create exercise habits that last a lifetime," said cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Coun Anthony Ernest.

"Fourteen and 15 year olds will be treated exactly the same as other customers and will be able to train in a safe environment at our LifeStyle gyms and be monitored by well qualified staff."

Llangenor Hunt Point-to-Point

to be held on
Bank Holiday Saturday, 1st May

First Race 2.00 pm
★ Special Attraction ★
PONY RACING

at The Stud, Roger's Lane
LALESTON, Bridgend

Enquiries: Contact Judith Tudor on 01656 650001

MAESTEG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Kittens, young and older cats - All needing a new family!



All cats have been neutered and microchipped
Tel: (01656) 721496

All our work is funded by Charity Shops. We sell bric-a-brac, books, clothes and all items of furniture and we can collect.
Tel: 01656 737827 or 01656 653456
www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk

Anybody who wants clothes collecting, please contact the above telephone numbers

ANTIQUES FAIR

100s & 100s of stands - it's the international antiques fair of Wales
BUILT HILLS

Royal Showground LD2 3SY
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd May

10am-5pm. Admission £5. Early entry Sat 8.30am £10

Tens of thousands antiques and collectables; fine jewellery from £50-£10,000; Period oak, walnut, mahogany and pine furniture; paintings; silver; porcelain; early B&W and polychrome pieces; green; glass; metal; textiles; coins; military; ephemera; medals; garden etc. You name it - it's here.

BBC TV crews filming here both days.
Refreshment areas. Free parking for cars and coaches.

Telephone: Enq 01584 873634
07703 558600 • 07831 672211

THE CRÊPE ESCAPE

sweet & savoury crêpes to go

Kid's Pancake Parties!

Let the Crepe Escape cater for your kid's parties. For an agreed price we will bring our special crepe maker to your party and cook to order (indoors or outdoors) for all those hungry party goers!

In advance, we will agree the fillings and toppings and give you a fixed price for all the pancakes, sweet and savoury, they can eat. No fuss, no mess. Leave it to us to cook, serve and clean up afterwards!

Not just a kid's thing!

Let us cater at your adult function.
Phone or e mail for details:

crepescape@live.co.uk

07932 688553

Visit our web site for more details at www.crepeescape.co.uk



BATTLE!

at COSMESTON
MEDIEVAL
VILLAGE

2nd & 3rd MAY
11.00am - 5.00pm
WEAPONS AND
WARFARE!

MEDIEVAL BATTLE & COMBAT DISPLAYS
HOG ROAST & MEDIEVAL ALES
CRAFTS & STALLS

CULMINATING IN AN ATTACK ON THE
VILLAGE BY THE WARRIORS OF WALES
For More Information Call 029 20 701678

Adults £5.00;
Concessions, OAPS & Children £3.00
Families [2&3] £12.00



OCEAN LOUNGE

★ PORKKERRY ★
OPEN
THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS,
SUNDAYS & BANK HOLIDAYS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Friday 23rd April
James Alexander - great voice,
cracking songlist (9pm)

Saturday 24th April
Holly Wilson - Vocalist (9pm)
plus bingo

Friday 30th April
Oblivious
Live & kicking rock covers (9pm)

Saturday 1st May
Jamie K - Vocalist (9pm)
plus Bingo

Every Thursday: Curry & A Pint £5.99
7-9pm - Quiz from 8.30pm

Sunday, 2nd May
An evening with Rachel - Vocalist
(9pm)

Saturday, 8th May
Car Boot Sale (8am)

FOOD SERVED

Great Value menu from only £4.99

Traditional Sunday Lunch
served 12-3pm from only £6.95

Tel. 01446 710362/711538

Porthcawl Jazz Festival is hailed a success – despite the volcano!



ABOVE: Jazz bands were playing at various venues throughout Porthcawl.

PORThCAWL'S Jazz Festival was hailed a success by its director and local enthusiasts – despite an unexpected hitch thanks to the Icelandic volcano.

Three acts, all scheduled for Saturday, were stranded in foreign airports, and the festival director, Wayne Warlow, had to take to the telephone to find UK-based replacements.

The Thursday night show, featuring Acker Bilk, and Friday's performance by singer Clare Teal were unaffected, but the Saturday had been planned as an eclectic day with a wide variety of styles on show.

Wayne Warlow told The GEM: "Janice Mitchell was stuck in Toronto and the highly-rated guitarist, Andreas Oberg, was unable to leave Sweden.

"A more local artist, pianist Dave Jones, had been on holiday in New York, so he was stuck as well!"

However, in the opinion of local jazz fan, Coun John Bunker, Wayne struck gold with



the guitarist who replaced the Swedish maestro – Alex Hutchings of Bristol.

Coun Bunker said: "He was amazing and must have had elastic fingers!"

Wayne Warlow said: "We were fortunate that Alex was free. Also, we replaced Dave Jones with another local virtuoso, Dave Price, and Digby Fairweather came along to play as

well."

Coun Bunker was enthusiastic about the event as a whole. He said: "I thought that the Saturday stroller ticket, giving entry to music in the Brentwood, the Porthcawl Hotel, and the Seabank – as well as the Grand Pavilion – was a great success.

"Acker Bilk was

amazing and Clare Teal was out of this world. When more people realise how good she is, she will sell out all the time."

Wayne Warlow reflected: "I think this was another step forward in making Porthcawl a jazz festival town."



ABOVE: Guitarist Alex Hutchings was a big hit.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

Pictures can be purchased by contacting:
e-mail glyn.evans01@tiscali.co.uk
telephone 01446 773225.
*Now open in the Wool Barn, Verity's Court, Cowbridge.

NEWS FROM BRIDGEND CHESS CLUB

The Jedi take the title after win over Cardiff Crowns

THE Bridgend Jedi finally captured the Division Three title in the East Glamorgan Chess League with an excellent victory over the Cardiff Crowns.

For most of the season, the Jedi have swapped places with the Barry Camelots as both teams contested the top spot. A late surge from Penarth Barons and the Pontypridd Marauders also threatened to spoil the party.

Alas, the force of the Jedi proved too much as Bridgend Chess Club's third team finally reached a points haul that cannot be challenged.

In the games, Thomas Davies was the first player to gain a point for the Jedi. Two pawns down and things weren't going to plan. His opponent Kristian Prosser, a promising young player from St Brides Major, clearly had the upper hand.

Minutes later, the game had turned on its head. With a queen on g4 and a bishop on f3, Thomas was all smiles. In spite of the material advantage, Kristian had walked into a forced mate.

Bishop takes pawn on h7 would only prolong the agony, forcing the black king to capture the bishop, but the mate threat would remain. Pawn to g3 would lead to the queen moving to h3, with checkmate at g2 next move.

Damon Davies once again locked horns with Matthew Bold. These two players seem to like playing against each other, but neither likes to come out on the wrong side.

In recent times, Damon has held the upper hand, and once again he held his nerve to score another point for the Jedi.

Matthew sacrificed a knight to capture a central pawn. As soon as Damon took it, the Cardiff player toppled his king and resigned.

There was a hard-earned draw for Mike Cram on the top board. His opponent Guy Wagner put up some heavy resistance. Sean Day came unstuck against Varun Varma. Some strong threats from Varun led to Sean losing a rook and the game.

Mark Jones sealed the win and the division title with a hard-fought win over Jonathan Bold. The young Cardiff player showed some fighting spirit,

but it was Mark's experience in the endgame that got him through a tough game. 3.5-1.5 the final score.

Weekly chess puzzle



SOLVE the chess puzzle above and submit your entry to us.

Each week there is a free month's membership to Bridgend Chess Club up for grabs. In addition, each entry is placed into our monthly prize draw.

White to play • Mate in 3 moves • Puzzle: BCC-021

Answer: Puzzle BCC-019 - 1. Qa3++

Winner: No Winner

Entries to: 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL, or Email andrew@bridgendchessclub.org.uk to :

Police plan to protect local nature reserve



PCSO Richard Matthews on patrol with Graham Holmes of the Kenfig Nature Reserve.

AFTER recent reports of youth and scrambler annoyance in and around the Ton Kenfig area, Neighbourhood PCSOs Richard Matthews and Richard Couch teamed up with Graham Holmes of the nature reserve and conducted a high-visibility Land Rover patrol in the area recently.

A bright day with excellent visibility meant that the officers had a good opportunity to spot anyone out and about on their off-road motor cycles.

PCSO Couch said: "We are pleased to report that during our patrol and observations, we did not receive any reports of annoyance, nor did we come across anyone disrupting the peace and quiet of the area."

"However, if anyone has any information with regards to off road motor cycles being used in and around your area, please do not hesitate to contact your local officers on 101."

Porthcawl Neighbourhood Inspector Alan James said: "Many local residents have expressed their grave worries about groups of youths driving dangerously on motorcycles and off road bikes in the area."

"Throughout the summer, we will continue to patrol the area in order to act upon these concerns and, working in conjunction with the police off-road motorcycle team, we will conduct patrols."

"The use of these motorbikes also has a detrimental effect on the landscape. In particular places such as Kenfig Dunes are areas of outstanding natural beauty and contain many rare plants that are being severely damaged by this illegal motorcycling."

"The Neighbourhood policing team will continue to work closely with our partners and members of the public and we will take steps such as the confiscation of bikes causing annoyance, issuing Anti-Social Behaviour Order referrals, education, Fixed Penalty Notices and the prosecution of offenders."

Inspector James is urging members of the public who know who these motorcyclists are to contact Porthcawl police station on 101.

Pencoed under-9s maintain their unbeaten record

THE last game of the season was away at Gilfach, and Pencoed under-9s had an extra incentive, a win would complete an unbeaten season.

Expectations were high, although Gilfach are one of the strongest sides in their district.

Pencoed attacked from the whistle and broke through the middle with Oliver Lewis, who set up quick ball for Mikey Bosley, Cael Chamberlain and Rhys Bending, and Sam Costelow exploited the space for the opening try.

Soon after, Rhys Spurgeon made a pick up and broke to pass out through Jon Carr and Tyrone Harding, and Sam Costelow went in for his second.

Gilfach tried to keep it tight with the forwards but Pencoed's mauling was at its best. Jack Rowlands, Owain John and Tom Bending were committed throughout, driving back the Gilfach attacks.

Jonathon Carr made a great pick up from inside his half and beat several players to run down the line for Pencoed's third.

He quickly went over for his second and, just before the end of the half, Tyrone Harding was just held up over the line.

Gilfach ran in a try from loose ball but that was the end of any comeback.

Pencoed responded by putting together a period of play beyond their years.

Oliver Lewis scored the fifth try from a perfect crash ball move, and then the final try was the best, as every player must have handled the ball before it came to Mikey Bosley.

He cut back inside and after pushing off three tackles, side-stepped the last defender.

The man of the match was Jonathon Carr.

Team : Mikey Bosley, Rhys Spurgeon, Jack Rowlands, Ben Jones, Tyrone Harding, Rhys Bending, Thomas Bending, Sam Costelow, Cael Chamberlain, Owain John, Oliver Lewis, Ben Humphries. It was a fantastic display and a fine end to a great season. Thanks must go to the coaches and parents for their continued support.

A few tournaments are scheduled over the next few weeks and then the team defend their District Cup title on May 9.

Any one interested in playing should contact team manager Trina Harding 07831 872383. MB



Clare Teal headlined the Friday night show.

Pencoed RFC ladies break 50-point mark with win over Barry

A LARGE crowd at the Recreation Ground saw Phoenix kick-off, and go straight on the attack.

Winning a turnover in the visitors' 22, good handling from the backs sent wing Shauna Blake over wide out.

The bigger Barry forwards were content to keep the ball tight; in contrast, Phoenix were looking to spread the ball at every opportunity. A break from centre Hannah Leigh Young into the Barry 22 saw the supporting Sam

**PENCOED RFC PHOENIX 59
BARRY LADIES 5**

Humphrey loop around to score under the posts, Beth Butler added the conversion.

Barry then broke down the blindside, but an excellent covering tackle from Louise Jones halted the move.

Phoenix then moved the ball through half-backs, Chloe Pope and Butler, before a clean break from Young saw her score at the posts, Butler converted.

Humphrey then

motored away down the right hand touchline, and around to the posts.

Phoenix player of the match, Hannah Leigh Young, then burst down the middle to score from 40 metres, with Butler adding the conversion.

Early in the second half, a good line out take from Lucy Gorringer, saw the ball moved to Tammy Bungay in the fly-half position. Bungay cutting through from 30 metres to score, Robyn Wilkens added the extras.

Wilkens then sent Sarah Hughes away from 50 metres to score. Young talent Wilkens then latched onto a pass, running diagonally away from the Barry cover, before straightening to score at the posts, and adding the conversion.

The Barry pack then pressured the home try line and got a deserved score, Michele Halse,

guesting from Phoenix crashing over, the player emerging from under a pile of bodies – much to the amusement of the home support.

The final home try came from Marina Newth, beating a couple of defenders, and going in from 40 metres, Wilkens converted for a final scoreline of 59-5.

The Phoenix squad will now prepare in earnest under coaches Alan Halse and Chris Jones for the Abergavenny RFC festival at Usk Showground on May 1-2.

The senior women take part in a sevens competition, with the under-18s in the 10-a-side competition, together with teams from Leicester, Gloucester, Dorset, and Cardiff Quins, to name but a few.

The weekend will give the Phoenix squad the opportunity to both relax, and engender team spirit for the sternest tests which lie ahead next season.

TERRY REES

The Athletic under-10s win tournament

THIS year's tour to the west country incorporated the Hornets tournament, where two strong looking pools promised a hard day's rugby.

The squad comprised Morgan Hughes (captain), Jack Walker, Mitchell Davies, Joe Grabham, Iwan Osbourne, Jac Bassett, Adam Murathodzic, Matthew Hibbert, Matthew Hobby, Rhys Gamble, Nathan Willis, Dylan Parry, Callum Morgan, Drew Cording and Harry Provstgaard.

As Wellington didn't show up, there were only two pool games and first up were Keynsham. After an early fright when Keynsham dropped the ball over the line, the Ath drove up field with Jack crashing over in the corner.

Although Keynsham equalised on half-time, the Ath were playing really well and seemed in control.

Early in the second half, the Ath went 3-1 up with further tries from Morgan and Harry and the game looked to be safe.

However, the opposition came back and the Ath had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

After watching Weston beat Keynsham 4-0, the boys knew they would have to raise their game to top the group, and raise their game they did!

The Ath swarmed all over Weston and tackled anything that moved in blue. Jack was again a powerhouse and scored again before Morgan touched down to clinch the game 2-1 and put the Ath through as pool winners.

The whole squad got on in this hard match and everyone did themselves proud and played their part in a very good win.

semi-final were Ivybridge, another big and powerful unit, who battled hard at keeping the score to 0-0 at half-time.

After the interval, the Ath went up a gear and, after Joe was pulled down just short, Rhys darted over to break the deadlock.

Ivybridge fought back and won good ball but as they looked to move the it wide, Harry intercepted and raced away to make it 2-0.

With the clock running down, one final rolling maul from the Ath saw Matthew Hobby crash over to make the final score 3-0 and book a place in the final.

Sherbourne had come through the other side of the draw and they had a jumbo-sized pack and quick backs to provide one final test for the Ath. Sherbourne started well but hard tackling repelled their efforts and late in the first half, Harry intercepted but this time was grounded just short of the line.

Sherbourne came back again, but Harry intercepted and made it to the line this time to make it 1-0 at half-time.

The Ath were now playing some really good rugby, recycling the ball, driving up field and committing defenders. Eventually, a half pack appeared and Joe charged over to score to clinch the match 2-0.

This was a well deserved success and it must be emphasised that everyone in the squad made important contributions to the win.

The boys played their hearts out and fought for each other.

Thanks to all the mums, dads, brothers, sisters and friends for their wonderful support throughout the day.

Thanks also to Lee and Wendy for organising the tour, and to Kev and Denise for hosting the barbecue.

LG

Pencoed under-12s keep two clean sheets

PENCOED under-12s travelled to Newbridge Fields for this mid week fixture against Bridgend Town.

Jordan Burrows opened the scoring for Pencoed after two minutes, and Connor Goldsworthy was next on the scoresheet.

Pencoed passed the ball well, and Lewis Butler soon added two more. The fifth was an own goal, and then Connor Goldsworthy added another.

Just before half-time, Connor Goldsworthy scored his hat-trick with a well-taken effort.

Pencoed made changes for the second half but kept the pressure on and within minutes Jacob Lloyd scored with a fine strike.

Another followed from Dylan Barrett, and then Bridgend got a goal back.

Finally, Lewis Butler grabbed his hat-trick for a final score of 10-1.

ABERKENFIF

Pencoed welcomed Aberkenfig on a fine Saturday morning and started really well with some lovely one-touch football

Aberkenfig struggled to get possession in the first 10 minutes and a

fine ball from Lewis Butler put Connor Goldsworthy through for Pencoed's first goal.

Aberkenfig started to gain more possession and put pressure on, but Pencoed broke clear for Lewis Butler to score with a fine shot.

Pencoed were looking good from defence right through to the strikers and Connor Goldsworthy's corner was met by Lewis Butler, who headed home for a 3-0 lead.

Jordan Burrows was next on the scoresheet when Ben Gwyther put in a good cross.

Pencoed made a few changes in the second half and Aberkenfig started to play the ball about more, giving Pencoed's defence plenty to do.

However, they kept their goal intact and then picked their game up for Ben Gwyther to score a lovely goal for a 5-0 lead.

Both teams kept battling and chances were had at both ends, without any further score.

Good luck to Pencoed on Sunday, April 25, when they meet Giants Grave in the final of the Welsh Federations Cup.

CG

**Read your GEM online:
bridgend-today.co.uk
or porthcawl-today.co.uk**

Point-to-point event makes for a grand day's racing!

FOR the second Saturday on the trot, thousands of racegoers turned up at Ystradowen near Cowbridge to attend a point-to-point meeting.

This time it was the turn of the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt and, despite the lack of runners, the crowd enjoyed themselves tremendously, cheering home the winning riders throughout the afternoon.

Only two went to post for the opening members' race and those who bet the long odds-on favourite *Cranemore*, ridden by Welsh ladies' champion Isabel Tompsett, soon had cause to regret it as the six-year-old grey gelding cocked his jaw approaching the eighth fence and ran out, leaving the 10-year-old *Billy Lane*, ridden by Emily Farr, the 19-year-old daughter of former Welsh champion riders Ross and Shan, a lone and lonely figure on the horizon.

Emily, who show jumped for Wales between the ages of 10 to 16, now had the chance to put her showjumping skills to good use, and she would have had a clear round but for being unseated at the very last obstacle.

However, never-say-die Emily remounted, retraced and passed the winning post to great acclaim.

Amber Griffiths (19), riding William Tudor's *Merthyr Mawr*, and having only her sixth ride in a point-to-point, rode a well-judged race to take the restricted by seven lengths from *Sherfield Don*, with *Minella For Beef* a further two lengths away in third place. The favourite, *Title Deed*, trailed in fourth.

Amber, who comes from Merthyr Mawr, rides out for Jonathan Tudor and Tim Vaughan and is a graduate of the pony club.

In the intermediate race, Matthew Barber (18), from Pembrokeshire, rode his second winner on the French-bred *Prince Car* who is trained by his older brother Marc.

Prince Car, a seven-year-old brown gelding, went clear four fences from the finish to beat the odds-on favourite *Opal Ridge* by six lengths.

The John Lovell Memorial Men's Open – the south Wales area feature race – was won by Brett Lloyd's *Roznic*, who finished five lengths ahead of *Tarsus* in a time which was 30 seconds faster than the 12-year-old had taken when winning the Glamorgan Hunt members' race seven days earlier.

Roznic, trained by Abbi Vaughan, at Aberthryn, was the first leg of a double for rising star Tom David. Ingrid Shervington's game *Grey Kid* landed the ladies' open race, winning by eight lengths from *Little Miss Monty*, who was given a good ride by Emily Farr.

"He's like fine wine, he gets better with age," said winning jockey Jodie Hughes, who was winning on the 12-year-old for the third time. Robbie Llewellyn (18), who is studying racecourse management, chalked-up his first win-

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

chance to put her showjumping skills to good use, and she would have had a clear round but for being unseated at the very last obstacle.

However, never-say-die Emily remounted, retraced and passed the winning post to great acclaim.

Amber Griffiths (19), riding William Tudor's *Merthyr Mawr*, and having only her sixth ride in a point-to-point, rode a well-judged race to take the restricted by seven lengths from *Sherfield Don*, with *Minella For Beef* a further two lengths away in third place. The favourite, *Title Deed*, trailed in fourth.

Amber, who comes from Merthyr Mawr, rides out for Jonathan Tudor and Tim Vaughan and is a graduate of the pony club.

In the intermediate race, Matthew Barber (18), from Pembrokeshire, rode his second winner on the French-bred *Prince Car* who is trained by his older brother Marc.

Prince Car, a seven-year-old brown gelding,

went clear four fences from the finish to beat the odds-on favourite *Opal Ridge* by six lengths.

The John Lovell Memorial Men's Open – the south Wales area feature race – was won by Brett Lloyd's *Roznic*, who finished five lengths ahead of *Tarsus* in a time which was 30 seconds faster than the 12-year-old had taken when winning the Glamorgan Hunt members' race seven days earlier.

Roznic, trained by Abbi Vaughan, at Aberthryn, was the first leg of a double for rising star Tom David.

Ingrid Shervington's game *Grey Kid* landed the ladies' open race, winning by eight lengths from *Little Miss Monty*, who was given a good ride by Emily Farr.

"He's like fine wine, he gets better with age," said winning jockey Jodie Hughes, who was winning on the 12-year-old for the third time.

Robbie Llewellyn (18), who is studying racecourse management, chalked-up his first win-

ner in the young horse maiden when finishing alone on Ruth Rees's seven-year-old mare *Shelagh Vee*.

The 1-6 favourite *Piment D'Estraval* unseated Rhys Hughes at the second fence and in doing so carried out the only other runner, *Sleepers Hill*. Robbie rides out for David Brace.

Mrs Rees, who is master of the Pembrokeshire Hunt, was gaining her first success with her first point-to-pointer and was clearly delighted.

The aged maiden gave Tom David the second leg of his double as riding Mr Robert Haraway's *Silver Gun*, Tom had the nine-year-old bay gelding in a handy position throughout and was always going a little bit better than the runner-up *Synisterdexter*.

Mr Haraway, a farmer from the Beaufort Hunt country, when asked why he decided to run his horse at Ystradowen, said: "I ran a horse here last year and although it wasn't a winner, I liked the track." He was also full of praise for Tom David.

Porthcawl under-10s go west to take Llanelli tournament title



Porthcawl under-10s.

P O R T H C A W L under-10s entered this year's Wanderers' tournament as holders after their fine win in 2009.

The Green and Blacks were placed in a difficult pool for the first round of matches but, as usual, the boys rose to the challenge.

Their first game was against Llandello, which they won by 20-0. The scorers were Louis Protheroe, Harry Evans, Brandon Cooper and Ben Collins. Their next match was against Pontypridd whose pack was considerably larger than the Seaweeds, but the Porthcawl forwards didn't take a backward step and helped secure a second win by 20-0. The scorers in this game were Joe Stradling (two) and Louis Protheroe (two).

Porthcawl's third

game saw then up against local rivals Maesteg Celtic, who put up a gallant fight but still they couldn't match the Green and Blacks' skill and speed. The final score was 30-5 to Porthcawl.

The scorers for Porthcawl were Louis Protheroe (two) Ben Collins, Ethan Waters and Joe Stradling (two). In their final pool game, Porthcawl faced strong local team, Burry Port. This looked to be the Seaweeds' hardest match yet, but the Porthcawl pack soon had the upper hand against their larger opponents.

The final score was 15-0 Porthcawl with Louis Protheroe (two) and Ben Roach grabbing the tries.

The semi-final placed Porthcawl up against the home side, Llanelli Wanderers, whom the Seaweeds beat in last season's final.

The Wanderers were

obviously out for revenge and started the stronger but could not breach the Seaweeds' line.

The Porthcawl pack fought for every scrap of possession for their speedy backs to use, and the Wanderers' defence could not hold out and Louis Protheroe dived over for his first of two spectacular tries.

Brandon Cooper was next to score with a well deserved strong individual try, but Llanelli weren't finished, coming back with a touch down in the dying seconds.

The final score was **Porthcawl 15, Llanelli Wanderers 5.**

Burry Port were the opponents in the final, and having already lost to Porthcawl in the pool stages, looked determined to grab revenge for that earlier defeat.

They started the stronger but as usual, Porthcawl's defence

stood firm.

Louis broke the deadlock with a sprint and dive to underline the Green and Blacks' superiority, and though Burry Port levelled with a well-worked try of their own, Ben Roach grabbed the Seaweeds' second.

Louis followed up his first try with another three and Brandon Cooper and Ben Collins notched up a try a-piece to give a final score of **Porthcawl 35 Burry Port 5.**

'Men of the tournament' went to Louis Protheroe and Brandon Cooper.

Porthcawl RFC would like to wish Louis Protheroe the best of luck and congratulations for being selected to play for west Wales under-11s against east Wales on April 28 at Ebbw Vale.

An outstanding achievement as Louis is still only nine!

IB



DON'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional
From our A-Z list



Aerials and Satellite

ARE YOU READY FOR DIGITAL?

**FREE ESTIMATES
SAME DAY SERVICE**

- Domestic & Commercial
- Discounts For Oaps
- 24 Hour 7 Days Service
- 12 Month Guarantee
- Digital Aerials Supplied And Fitted And Adjusted
- Digital Switchover Specialists
- RDI Approved Installers

One Vision DIGITAL

Plasma Wall Mounts & Hidden Cable Specialists

Vale of Glamorgan 01446 439 306 Bridgend 01656 349 281

LIMITED OFFER

- Sky + HD Systems FREE - with No HD Subscription
- EXISTING Sky customer upgrading to Sky + HD Systems
- No Subscription for HD ONLY £159.00 • FREE Standard Installation

www.onevisionltd.co.uk

Digital Aerial & Satellite Services

- Established 1980 • Registered digital installers
- Digital switch over specialists

Digital aerials, Sky Plus or Sky HD installed, repaired or adjusted at competitive prices, with discounts for OAPs

For a free estimate, advice, or any service, call Colin Williams on **FREEPHONE 0800 317536**

digital TV

The Aerial Man

- * Digital Aerials
- * Repairs & Upgrades
- * Local Engineer
- * Affordable Prices
- * Reliable Service
- * OAP Discounts
- * Free Home Visits

**Barry 01446 439124
07818 413 451**

www.theaerialman.tv

digital TV AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES

by Mark Williams

REGISTERED INSTALLER
Reg.No 18264754

Sky dish fully installed £45
(Inclusive of parts & labour)

Aerials from £40

Repairs from £25

25 years experience **Tel: 07778 737161**

www.tvaerialandsatelliteservices.co.uk

VALE DIGITAL

AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES

DIGITAL AERIAL SPECIALIST

Freeview & Freesat specialist

Sky & Freesat HD systems installed

LCD & Plasma wall brackets supplied & fitted

**Tel: Tim on 01446 793 189 •
0777 220 6399 anytime**

Competitive prices • Free Estimates • 7 Day Service

COVERING ALL AREAS

Blinds and Curtains

solar create the mood...

**30% OFF
SPRING
SPECIALS**

**BLINDS
AWNINGS
WINDOW FILM
@ DAYTONA**

01446 740842

sales@solarsunshades.co.uk www.solarsunshades.co.uk
Unit 3F, Palmersvale Business Centre, Palmerston Road, BARRY

**BLINDS
AWNINGS
WINDOW FILM**

01656 663800

sales@solarsunshades.co.uk www.solarsunshades.co.uk
North Road, Bridgend Ind. Est, BRIDGEND CF31 3TP
(*Interest free available, details on request, subject to status)

**24
*monthly
interest free
payments**

MEGARAY AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES

(over 38 years experience)

**WE INSTALL ALL TYPES OF
DIGITAL EQUIPMENT:**

FreeSat HD, FreeView boxes, PVRs,
Digital Aerials at competitive prices.

Sky+HD Free & Free Fitting - HD subscription not required

Tel: 0800 980 4181 • 07966 283002

EURO-SAT LTD.

SATELLITE AND AERIAL SPECIALISTS

Sky Installations • Upgrades • Multi Room • Freesat
Freeview • Home moves • Telephone Extensions
• Caravan Specialist • Free Estimates

Call Simon Now **01446 749502**
7 Day Service **07966 592416**
sales@euro-sat.co.uk **0800 118 5675**

Barry Aerials

Aerial & Satellite Installations

TV Aerial & Satellite Dish Installation & Repair

- Poor Reception Fixed
- OAP Discounts
- Additional TV Points
- Digital Aerial Installations
- Free Home Visits
- Freesat Installations

LOCAL FRIENDLY PERSONAL SERVICE • ALL AREAS COVERED

Call us on 01446 439125

Accountancy

**South Wales
Accountancy &
Taxation Ltd**

For all your business
accounting needs,
including tax, VAT,
payroll & start ups.

**Tel. Brian
07790 918162**

BIG BLINDS SALE

• Big savings - up to 50% off hundreds of made-to-measure blinds

• Fast, local, easy service • FREE measuring & fitting

Verticals • Venetians • Rollers • Romans • Conservatory blinds • Shutters • Awnings

CALL NOW FOR A FREE NO-OBLIGATION APPOINTMENT
0800 916 6563

Lines open 9.30am-5pm weekdays, 10am-5pm weekends
www.hillarys.co.uk

Hillarys

Blinds and Curtains

BLIND SALE

OUR NAME IS OUR GUARANTEE

STARLINE

AWNINGS & BLINDS

'NEW SHOWROOMS' UNIT 3 & 4
WESTERN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CAERPHILLY CF83 1BQ

www.starline-blinds.co.uk

TEL: (029) 2086 0631

C. ANDERSON (BARRY) LTD

Est 1949

General Builders & Property Maintenance Specialists

Roofing, Fascias & Gutters, Plastering, Carpentry, Decoration, Renovations & Extensions

Free Estimates
Tel. 01446 737291

DAVID KAY PLASTERING

Internal/External Skimming over Artex 12ft x 6ft only £89

Insurance approved

Fully Insured, Coving, Tiling, Painting, Repointing, Damp Proofing

**01446 732946
07921 439749**

MORE BUILDING SERVICES ON NEXT PAGE

Architectural Services

Architectural Plans Drawn

- Extensions
- Loft Conversions
- Garages etc.

Competitive rates, help & advice given. Free onsite survey.

Tel: Dave on **07759 384884**
planspeople@aol.com

Artex

FIRST CLASS ARTEXING

All patterns available, also coving and paper hanging service.

Free estimates
Tel: Mark **01656 744966**
Mobile: 07788 738074

3 GOOD REASONS

1 FREE Fitting
2 FREE Quotation
3 5 Year Guarantee

3 BLINDS FOR £99 VERTICALS

Freephone: 0500 295192

Made in Wales.....Proud to be Welsh

Mirage Blinds

One offer per Household - Selected Ranges 80" X 80" Maximum

VALE BLINDS (Wales) Ltd

SALE NOW ON

- Vertical Blinds • Roller Blinds
- Venetian Blinds • Roman Blinds
- Velux Blinds • Curtain Rails/Poles
- Repairs & Servicing Undertaken
- Perfect Fit Blinds • Intu Blinds

Tel: (01446) 710304 / 07792 733443

PHILIP YOUNG & SON LTD.

Building & Roofing - Local Authority Approved

• NEW BUILD • EXTENSIONS • RENOVATIONS

- 30 years experience
- Disabled Conversions
- Render/Pebble Dash
- Loft Conversions
- Flat Roofs
- Garage Conversions
- Conservatories
- Painting/Decorating
- Kitchens/Bathrooms
- PVC Doors/Windows
- Decking/driveways
- DpC Work

Free Estimates & Advice, contact
Tel/Fax: 01446 743706 Mobile: 07885 537087



DON'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional
From our A-Z list



Building Services

Ian James
Plastering & Building Repairs
Garden Walls & Patios
Free quotes
07871 744865
or **01446 420679**

AJ Martin & Sons
LOFT CONVERSION SPECIALIST
35 years experience
Call Alan on
01446 721802

General Builder
BRICKLAYING PLASTERING PATIOS DECKING
20 Years Experience
Free Estimates
CALL BRYAN ON
07896 698058
CITY GUARDS QUALIFIED

L&L Carpentry & Building Services
• Roofing • Kitchens
• Doors • Windows
• Grant Work
• Decorating
No job too small
01446 420596 or
07896 344578



327 Vale Enterprise Centre,
Hayes Road, Sully CF64 5SY
Tel: 01446 700 535
Fax: 01446 738 085

- Building & Civil Engineering Contractors
- All size plant with drivers for hire
- Footings to DPC
- Demolition
- Concrete Raft, Structural Works
- Grab Hire Service
- Site Clearance
- Registered Waste Carriers
- Garden Landscaping/Paving/Slabbing/Dropkerbs & Tarmac

GRABIt
PLANT HIRE LTD

FAST & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Groundworks, Building & Civil Engineering Contractors

REGISTERED WASTE CARRIERS

- 18 ton load grab collects clean waste - soil & hardcore @ £140 per load
- 14 ton load grab collects clean waste - soil & hardcore @ £120 per load
- 7 ton load grab collects clean waste - soil & hardcore @ £80 per load
- Green loads collected - tree trunks, brushes, hedges, conifers.

AGGREGATE DELIVERIES

- 10 ton scalings @ £150 per load • 10 ton 10mm clean stone @ £220 per load
- 10 ton sand sharp/build @ £220 per load • 10 ton stone dust @ £220 per load
- Top/Recycled soil available - All prices exclusive of VAT

For advice and free quote, call Wendy on 01446 700535 Fax: 01446 738085

B. W. Construction and Property Maintenance

- GENERAL BUILDING
- BRICKLAYING
- CARPENTRY & JOINERY
- PATIOS AND BLOCK PAVING
- KITCHEN FITTING
- DECKING AND GARDEN DESIGN
- PLASTERING
- ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING

24 HOUR CALL OUT

For the professional touch, phone for free estimate with no obligation

No sales people, no middle man, no problem
01446 713814 07742 572731

GM

CONSTRUCTION

Gary Richards

- New Build
- Extensions
- Renovations

T: 01656 674009

M: 07815 730480

Clock Restoration

ANTIQUE CLOCK RESTORATION
www.mjmclocks.co.uk
01446 737466

Computer Services

AB COMPUTER SERVICES

TUITION - BROADBAND WIRELESS NETWORKS REPAIRS & INSTALLATION

For home or office

Tel: 07811 422 946

27 High St, Cowbridge

www.cowbridge-it.co.uk

PC slow? Got a virus? Lost your data?

Call **ACM Computing**

on **07514 315188**

25 years experience.

Personal service.

No fix, no fee.

Carpentry

DIALA CARPENTER

OVER 20 YRS EXP.

From Door Hanging to Fitted Kitchens!

07788 455656

01446 719500

Carpet Services

Carpet - Vinyl Fitting Service

CALL TIM JENKINS ON

07788 714352

01446 750331

Computer Problems? WE FIX THEM!



info@crystal-it.co.uk - www.crystal-it.co.uk

Home visits

Evenings and weekends available

01446 700885

Computer HELP when you need IT

HD Computer Solutions

- All problems fixed
- Fast, reliable, on-site service
- Friendly advice freely given
- No fix, no fee
- Free callout

Tel 01446 773158

07779 713604 anytime

Promote your business with

The GEM

Menzies

All aspects of Carpentry Services

- KITCHENS, BEDROOMS & BATHROOMS
- SUPPLIED & FITTED
- BESPOKE FURNITURE
- DOORS
- DECKING • FENCING
- Portfolio • References

01446 760104 or

07917 102766 - Mark

VALE CARPETS

The Carpet Shop that comes to you

100's of Carpet & Vinyl samples

Established since 1980

Also Carpet, Upholstery Cleaning

Tel: Paul Wright

01446 751152

07811 092477

STEVE SEGUST FLOORING

Carpet Fitting, Refitting & Repair Service Available

- Est 1987 -

Choose from the comfort of your own home.

Free quotations, fitting, underlay and gripper.

All types of flooring available with a huge range of samples to choose from.

Best prices around.

Call any time.

01656 768120 or **07774 807111**

Double Glazing

Bridgend Windows and maintenance
Specialists in all aspects of pvc-u Windows, Doors and Conservatories. Also available Repairs and maintenance Guardian Locksmith Qualified.
For your free estimates, call **01656 788403**
07966 025287
www.bridgendwindows.co.uk

COLES SERVICES LTD
D&R 15 years Experience
FOR ALL YOUR PROPERTY NEEDS
• UPVC Windows and Doors & Garage Door Repairs and Installations.
• Windows Misted Up?
• Broken Locks/handles/ hinges replaced
01446 790230
07939 475736

STEVE MOLONEY

Double glazing repairs. Hinges, handles, misted up sealed units, complete repair service available. Established 1979.

01656 783594

or **07877 558525**

IAN SMITH

For all your glass and glazing requirements

All types of glass supplied & fitted, misted units replaced

Also Mirrors • Shelves & Safety Glass supplied

Call **07836 629973**

or **01446 744506**

WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR SERVICE

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF UPVC AND ALUMINIUM WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR

Do you have any of the following problems...?

- Misted-up Double Glazing • Broken Hinges
- Seized Patio Door Rollers • Faulty door Locks
- Seized Handles • Draughts • Broken Letter Box • Leaks, etc
- If so phone for a free estimate and advice

FREEPHONE COWBRIDGE 0800 169 5171

We offer a competitive and friendly service to the Vale and surrounding area

TRY US FOR NEW UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS

8 am - 8 pm (7 days)

Window Tec UK

• Window and Door Repair •

ARE YOU THINKING OF IMPROVING YOUR HOME FOR SPRING & SUMMER?

Visit our brand new conservatory showroom now open in Bridgend

M.P.N. Tel: BRIDGEND 01656 812788

UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS

Local Showroom at 10 Ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HL

Open Mon - Sat 9.30am - 5pm

SPECIAL OFFER Bevelled Front Doors £499 if ordered in April or May

• Windows & Doors Repairs available 7 days

• 6 Windows fitted from £1495

• Doors fitted from £399

• Conservatories from £3495

FAMILY RUN BUSINESS Network VEKA - Reliable in the extreme

M.P.N. Tel: Bridgend 01656 812788

www.mpnwindows.co.uk

UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS

Local Showroom at 10 Ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HL

Open Mon - Sat 9.30am - 5pm

Cleaning Services

Home Master Plus Carpet & Oven Cleaning

"We Guarantee to beat any quote"

Carpets cleaned from £25

Ovens cleaned from £45

Debit/Credit Cards accepted

Freephone 0800 0432 790

www.homemasterplus.co.uk

LLANTWIT MAJOR CLEANING SERVICES

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning

Average Carpet £35 3-Piece Suite £70

DIY Hire Service 1/2 Day £10, 24 hours £15

- FREE DELIVERY -

Tel. Llantwit Major 796227

1st CHOICE CLEANING SERVICES

- Clean/Sanitise Carpets and Upholstery
- One price - No extras.
- Pet Odour/Stain Removal
- Protective Treatments
- Leather suite cleaned & fed

Local, reliable & Professional

01446 737695

07930 157952

Call **01446 774484**

to advertise here

ABACUS

PVC SPECIALISTS

NOW APPROVED

It's Quality that counts!!

Doors & Windows

Double Glazing

Conservatories

Fascia & Guttering

UPVC REPAIRS

& MAINTENANCE

Office: **01656 865191**

Mobile: **0791 808 48 80**

Gas

For all your Gas & Plumbing Solutions

GAS

Call 078 143 943 78 (01446) 79 62 63

www.gaspservices.co.uk

Garage Doors

GDS GARAGE DOOR SERVICES

The garage door specialists

All types of doors supplied, fitted & repaired

Over 15 years experience.

Same day repairs.

07783 703366

01446 743181

www.gdsdoors.co.uk

Disposal Services

Acorn

Cesspit and Septic Tank Clearance

Domestic and trade enquiries welcome

Unbeatable prices

Phone: **01656 862414**

Mobile: **07779 255639**

Decorating Services

Cowbridge Decorating Company

Interior & Exterior Work Undertaken

- Clean, Tidy & Reliable
- Insurance Work Undertaken
- uPVC Soffits, Fascias & Guttering

✓ Domestic and Commercial ✓ Free Estimates & Quotations

01446 771137

Cowbridge • Mobile: 07973 628842
e-mail: cdc137@hotmail.com

NH PAINTING & DECORATING SERVICES

Exterior/Interior. Gutters Cleaned. Free Quotes. Clean tidy worker. All insurance work undertaken. FULLY INSURED

01446 727202
07505 979078

Weekend calls welcome
www.nhdecorating.co.uk

RAY PRICE

Painting & Decorating

30 Years Experience
All Work Guaranteed
FREE ESTIMATES

01656 864482

Plastering

WP Plastering Services

All aspects of plastering, also building and maintenance work undertaken.

Call now for free quote.
Tel. 01656 729655
07915 390029

DC Plumbing

- NO call out charge
- Flexible hours
- No job too small

Call Dave on:
Tel. 01446 413971
Mobile: 0779 263 0939

Plumbing

JOHN SARTAIN

Plumbing & Tiling

01446 732 145
07973 785 339
07956 887 536

Celtic Plumbing and Heating

Corgi registered gas installers
All aspects of plumbing and heating work undertaken.

01446 732 145
07973 785 339
07956 887 536

PAUL MARSHMAN

24 HR DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE
Repairs • Installation
Tiling • Electrical

01446 740176 • 07876 506982

Driving Tuition

Cats Eyes

Driving School Ltd

- Lessons from £9.50
- Learn from 14 years of age
- Trailer Towing Training
- Instructor Training

0800 0280 406
www.catseyesdrivingschool.co.uk

STEVE AIREY

Decorating Services

For a Free Quote ...

Internal & External Painting, Decorating, Coving. Fully qualified.

01446 795520
07891 768151

SUNNYSIDE

SCHOOL OF MOTORING
DoT, ADI, RoSPA (Gold Award)

Pass Plus Registered.
Punctual, patient & reliable instruction. Pick-up Service. Theory tuition if required.

Tel. (01656) 658108
Mobile: 07968 230465

D.GULLIVER

First Class Painter and Decorator

Paper Hanging a Speciality

- All Internal & External Work
- No Job too Small
- 25 Years Experience
- Free Estimates

Tel 01446 403853
Mobile: 07800 652608

Call the

GEM

to advertise here

Garden Services

The Green Factor Ltd

Free estimates, fully insured.

- Landscaping • Fencing
- Decking • Hedge Cutting
- Garden Clearance
- Paving and Driveways

Call Paul on **01446 736525** or **07815 319427**
WE ARE QUALIFIED, RELIABLE AND LOCAL!

BRIDGE VALE TREE SERVICES

Specialists in Large/Dangerous Trees
FELLING, PRUNING, CROWN REDUCTION, THINNING OUT AND TOTAL DISMANTLING
HIGHLY QUALIFIED/INSURED
COMMERCIAL or DOMESTIC

SITE CLEARANCE - FREE QUOTES -
Tel: 01446 713857
or **07921 902729**

MJP Gardecio Ltd

All Garden Services

- Fencing/Decking
- Raised sleeper planters
- Patios re-pointed/jettied
- House Painting

01446 747147
07791 630169

Rubbish

Same Day Rubbish Removals

All types of rubbish removed. Houses, Garages, Gardens cleared. Prices start from only £10. All areas covered.

FASTER & CHEAPER THAN SKIPS

Contact Steve or Sarah on
01656 865116 or **07980 625116**

Removals

LAING

Electrical Services

DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS
FIRE ALARMS
DESIGN, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE
N.I.C.E.I.C. Approved
Competitive prices

St Athan 751033
Mobile **07980 712777**

TELE-ELECTRICAL SERVICING

Service centre for most leading makes of TV, Video, Hi-Fi & Camcorders.
Installations carried out.

Tel: (01656) 654156
or **07792 887835**

Dave Reffell

Electrical Services

Domestic Installer Scheme

Free Quotations
01446 751743
07743 500149
dmrreffell@hotmail.co.uk

Vale Removals & Deliveries

- Removals
- Deliveries
- House Clearance

FREE QUOTATIONS

02920 710039
07968 056822
www.valeremovalsanddeliveries.com

VALE JET WASHING

— Driveway & Patio Cleaning —
Also conservatories & UPVC facias.
For a professional and reliable service call Gareth for a free quotation on
01446 794134 or **07795 363175**
OAP Discount

Landscaping & Carpentry **HGS** House & Garden Services

LAWNS. HEDGES. DECKING FENCING. PATIOS. PAVING

Portfolio Available

Contact Tony on
07546 086716/01446 750698

Complete Garden Services

FENCING • DECKING • TREES FELLED, HEDGES AND LAWNS • WALLS, PATHS AND PATIOS

Telephone: **01446 419428**
or **07765 611753**

Stables • Field Shelters • Kennels
• Play Houses • Log Cabins

Ashdown Sheds

Timber Framing • Potting Sheds • Garages • Show Jumps • Hay stores

Tel: 01446 772800 or **Mob: 07815 304 156**
www.ashdown-group.com e-mail: info@ashdown-group.com

Garden Services

NIP GARDEN & LANDSCAPING SERVICES

- Decking & fencing • Block paving & patios
- Terracing & turfing • Ponds & water features
- Landscaping & low maintenance gardens
- Design Service • Tree felling

ALL WORK GUARANTEED
Call Nick on **01446 710736**
or **07790 166480**
www.gardenandlandscapeservices.co.uk
Fully insured, excellent references and portfolio available

RIVERLEA Horticultural

Vale Business Park, Llandovery, Carmarthen CF71 7PF

Tel: 01446 775602 Fax: **01446 773476**
www.riverlea.co.uk

Husqvarna Main Dealers

LAWN MOWERS • BUSH-CUTS • CHAINSAWS
STRIKERS AND GARDEN ACCESSORIES

Most makes serviced and repaired
Collection service available

Safe Service Repairs

Electrical Services

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS

Washing Machines, Cookers, Fridges, Freezers, Cleaners, Tumble Dryers etc

K. WATKINS

Electrical Services

Est. 1978

Bridgend 650723

REPAIRS

Washing Machines Electric Cookers, Tumble Dryers, etc

Repaired in your own home

Freephone 0800 2984518
Barry 744117

R.J.B. Electrical Contractors

formerly Cowbridge & Vale Electrical

All electrical installation works carried out.
Emergency call-out, re-wires, sockets, lights, Security.

Tel 01446 792468
01446 772468
07885 347642

National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting
Approved Contractor

T.R.S. REPAIR SHOP

Domestic Appliance Repairs & Spares
Refurbished Appliances On Sale

Repairs and spares for:

- WASHING MACHINES
- COOKERS
- TUMBLE DRYERS
- FRIDGE/FREEZERS
- VACUUM CLEANERS

All makes including
HOTPOINT • CREDA • CANDY • HOOVER • ZANUSSI • INDESIT

Local 08456 804 806

Open 6 days a week Monday - Friday
8.30am - 5.30pm (1.00pm on Saturday)

LPG & Natural Gas

SAFETY FIRST HEATING & PLUMBING

Service, maintenance & Installation

07773 479797
07828 185034
www.safetyfirstgas.co.uk

G.M Plumbing & Heating

07815 097994 24hrs, or 01446 732167

Combination Boiler Specialist

Annual Boiler Service only £40

Boiler Breakdowns • Central Heating Installations • Cookers • Bathroom Suites • Showers • Towel Radiators • Free landlord/homeowner Safety Certificate with every service

All Work Guaranteed. Fully Insured. Fast, Friendly Service.

301616

M MARTYN PLUMBING SERVICES

Bathrooms, showers, radiators, outside taps, washers, power flush and any plumbing jobs.

07526 125982 or **01446 753503**

No job too small. Free quotes. Fully insured

S.M.Vaughan

HEATING & PLUMBING INSTALLATIONS

No. 230141

- Boiler Installation Specialists
- Servicing • Bathroom Installation
- Gas Safety Certification

01446 734733 • 07976 790096
Unit 11, Ty Verlon Ind. Estate, Barry

J.W. BATHROOM INSTALLATIONS

• MODERN & TRADITIONAL DESIGNS FITTED •

- All aspects of floor and wall tiling
- Bespoke bathrooms made and installed
- Wall mounted WC's sinks etc
- Tiled bath panels • Carpentry
- Plastering • Electrical
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Sensible rates and costs
- Free quotes • OAP discounts

Tel: 01446 745952
02920 515863

DOUGFIELD BATHROOMS

BATHROOM, HEATING & PLUMBING SUPPLIES

22 Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Cardiff Road
BARRY CF63 2BE
Tel: **01446 701808** Fax: **01446 721022**
Unit 1 - New Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate
BRIDGEND CF31 3UD
Tel: **01656 650050** Fax: **01656 650550**

BATHROOMS • SHOWERS • PLUMBING/HEATING
EXTENSIVE SHOWROOMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DROP IN

Funeral Directors

W. A. Brown & Son
Funeral Directors

Contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Funeral pre-payment plans
- Memorial masonry

Llantwit Major 01446 792489

Pembroke House,
College Street

THE RED LION BONVILSTON
requires a
FULL TIME CHEF

Must have own transport.
Competitive salary.
Experience required.
Tel: 01446 781208

Situations Vacant

VALE OF GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

Adult Services
Gwasanaethau Oedolion
Administrative Assistant # *
Up to £16,830 p.a.
Ref: V-CC-CH813

Children and Young People Services
Gwasanaethau Plant a Phobl Ifanc
Flying Start Contracted Crèche Worker # *
Up to £15,444 p.a. pro rata
10 hours per week, 39 weeks a year
Ref: V/CF/PDT92

For further information and an application form contact the Council by visiting www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone Contact OneVale on 01446 700111 between 8am-6pm.

Closing date: 6 May 2010.
Subject to # Job Evaluation and * CRB Disclosure.

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
The Vale of Glamorgan Council is an equal opportunities employer.
Mae Cynghor Bro Morgannwg yn gyflogwr cyfde i gyd.

BABY'S FIRST PORTRAIT
require 2 local, part-time bedside sales representative/photographers on Princess of Wales Hospital post-natal maternity ward, 7 mornings each alternate week. Full training provided. To apply phone 01736 751418 with name and address by 30 April.

Birthdays

Happy 75th Birthday
Shirley Wilkinson

19TH APRIL 2010
"To our special mum!"
Love from
Calvin, Paul,
Beverly and
Helen. XXXX

Happy 50th Birthday

Steve Leech
23rd April
Love,
Denise, Titch,
Marco & Lukie.
XXXX



Family Notices

FINUCANE
Peter

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Peter Finucane, aged 63, of Llysowrney on April 15, 2010. Loving husband of Val, much-loved Dad to Claire, Richard, Kathryn and Andrew and dearly-loved Grandad to Kai and Oliver. Funeral service to be held on Monday April 26, 2010 at 1.15pm, Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. All friends most welcome. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care or c/o <http://original.justgiving.com/peterfinucane>

Clairvoyant



Soul Expressions

Experienced
CLAIRVOYANT-MEDIUM
available for
Individual or Group
readings

Gift vouchers available
Call Jo Now on 07939 941640

Send in your Birthday, Anniversary
or Congratulatory Message.
It costs from as little as £20
plus VAT. Call
The GEM
on 01446 774484

Handyman

THE HANDYMAN'S SERVICES

Garden Services
• Turf Laying • Hedge Clipping
• Weeding
• Mowing
• Decking
• Fencing
• Planting

Electrical Services
• Electrical Maintenance
• Outside Lights
• Extra Sockets
• Pond Pumps
• Electrical Repairs
• Qualified Electrician
(14 years experience)

Garden Design All Seasons garden specialist
Portfolio available to view on
www.thehandymanservices.co.uk
For a FREE estimate call Pete on:
☎ 07909971261 or 01446 713348

Home & Garden Care
Electrical • Plumbing
Carpentry • Trees
Hedges • Grass • Cutting
No job too small, free quotes, friendly advice.
Prices from £15.
Tel: 01446 420059
07980 063087

Lost & Found

MISSING
Since Sunday 18 April in Sully:
FEMALE CAT CALLED 'IZZY'
10 months old,
white & tabby.
Nervous and friendly.
Tel: 07784 472799

Glazing-Locksmith

1st CALL Locksmith & Carpentry Services
Reliable, Trustworthy and Efficient

Lockout Services, Lock Upgrades,
Double Glazing Repairs, Carpentry Services,
Misty Units Replaced, Glazing Services.
NO CALL OUT CHARGE. Established 1996.

Tel. 01446 743193
Mobile: 07825 566626 (24 hours)

All operatives are CRB police checked and all carry photo ID cards at all times.

Accredited members of
National Network of Approved Locksmiths
www.nnal.co.uk

Roofing

RTLEWIS BUILDERS Est. 1983

We specialise in Complete Home Refurbishment, Maintenance and Repairs

- Roofing • Extensions
- Plastering • Plumbing
- Electrical Work

Brickwork, Kitchens & Bathrooms
Insurance and Council Approved
'Great advice when you need it most'
Vale of Glamorgan & Barry 01446 439 308

cfr 22 years of trading
ROOFING
All aspects of Roofing & UPVC

Check out our prices @ www.cfrroofing.co.uk
Unit 24, Vale Business Park, Llandow CF71 7PF
01446 775145

S MIDDLETON & SON
ROOFING SPECIALISTS

We cover all aspects of roofing including a 24 hour emergency call out service

- Slating □ UPVC Fascia's & Guttering
- Tiling □ EPDM Rubberised Flat Roofing

20 year guarantee and 50 year life expectancy
Tel: 01656 720551 or 07973 488806 anytime
www.smiddletonroofingspecialists.co.uk

SMS FLAT ROOFING
South Wales' leading supplier & installer of EPDM rubber.
Tel: 01656 728793 or 24hrs 07790 823525

ROOFTEC ROOFING SERVICE
New slate/tile/flat roofs.
Also fibreglass flat roofs.
All aspects of UPVC guttering, fascias, downpipes, etc.
Chimney/valley repairs.
House maintenance work carried out.
No job too small.
Guaranteed competitive rates.
Tel. (01656) 722593
Mobile: 07969 248688.
Free estimates
24 hour emergency call out.

Promote your business with
The GEM
reaching Penarth to Porthcawl

Tiling

Bonny Tiler
Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists
Full Bathroom and Wetroom installation
Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service
01446 796582 / 07854 168459
(after 6pm) (anytime)

BILL FOULDS TILING SERVICE
Ceramic, Porcelain and Natural Stone
Tiling, Decorating & Finishing Touches
Portfolio and reference available
01446 771105
07736 391937

ATTENTION ALL SOLE TRADERS
Be aware of advertising scams related to promotional guides.

Public Auction

KIVELLS
Auction - Saturday 15th May at 12 noon at the Copthorne Hotel, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff

Freehold Vacant Hotel for Refurbishment with Planning Permission for Conversion to 18 Flats plus 4 New Build Apartments. Guide £200,000.
Royal Hotel, Barry Road, Cadoxton, Barry

Good position close to the town centre. Permission for conversion to 18 flats. 4 new build apartments. Off street parking.
All enquiries to the selling agents: Kivells Tel - 01566 776886
Email - simon.alford@kivells.com

Property

LODGERS REQUIRED
Central Barry
Professionals only.
Short term considered
Single room £75 per week
Double room £80 per week
(incl. bills except phone)
Tel: 01446 412419
07774 841161

TO LET BARRY
Available now.
2 Bed Flat - £495
3 Bed Flat - £595
Excellent condition.
Tel: 07795 201800

Wanted

A&L SCRAP METALS

WE BUY:
• COPPER
• BRASS
• LEAD
• STAINLESS
• ALUMINIUM
• WIRE & CABLE Etc.

CARS
• VANS
• LORRIES
• ALL SCRAP METAL

Cash Paid £££££
Up to £3.90 per kilo given for Copper
TURN YOUR OLD METAL INTO CASH
CALL: 01446 701707

All MoT Failures and No Tax
£100 to £1,000
Collect (any distance).
02920 598762
07816 172933

BEST CASH PRICES given for
ALL METALS & SCRAP VEHICLES
FRAZER METALS, BARRY
01446 732222
07895 467000

SUTTONS Auto Salvage
Up to £150 paid on collection, for scrap, MOT failures, and tax expired vehicles. Also body shells and scrap metals collected. No wheels, no problem.
Tel: 029 2059 7887
07971 648596

CASH in your GOLD
£6.75 per gram - 9 carat
£13.50 per gram - 18 carat
Trade Approved Scales
Police checked buyer
Sell your gold in the privacy of your own home
01446 719247

House Clearances

ANDREW WILLIAMS HOUSE CLEARANCES FULL/PART
Over 20 years experience. Sympathetic handling of deceased estates, used by estate agents and solicitors.
01446 409266
07885 251742

Articles For Sale

ADVERTISE HERE for up to 4 weeks for 50p a word plus VAT. To take advantage of this offer simply either send in your description along with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to "The Glamorgan Gem" at The Gem, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or telephone us with your wording by 12 noon Tuesday. All major credit cards accepted. Tel: 01446 774484. Adverts must contain a residential land line telephone number. You may alter your advert as items are sold. **Sorry no refunds are given.**

WELSH-STYLE DRESSER 36" x 16" x 69" high. Medium oak, 2 drawers, 1930s £45. Old bookcase/display cabinet, 33" x 10" x 52" high. Mahogany with lead paned glass doors £25. Buyer collects. Tel: 01446 750141. (17)

ITALIAN STYLE Antique dark wood large table with 8 (2 carver) navy leather chairs, suit large dining room or restaurant, VGC £300 ono. Ladies' golf bag plus 8 irons and putter £80 ono. Tel: 01446 794803. (17)

SOFA BUNK BED High quality, converts to double bed. Mattresses included, buyer collect, easily dismantles. £500 new, bargain £80. Tel: 01446 746147 (after 6pm). (17)

2 CHESTS OF DRAWERS Pine effect, matching, one large, one small (bedside). Both three

drawers. Excellent condition. £40 the pair. Individual prices considered. Tel: 01446 796320. (17)

2 RECLINER CHAIRS Electric, very good condition, beige colour. £350 for two ono. Tel: 01656 658107. (16)

SANYO Digital stereo sound system. Small, black, excellent condition £60. Tel: 01446 410170. (15)

DIMPLEX CHESFORD Optim-Mist electric fire, almost new. Retail at £450 plus - will sell for £200. Change over to gas forces sale. Tel: 01446 730806. (15)

IKEA COMPUTER CABINET (CYRIL) Width 78cms, Height 164cms, Depth 39cms. VGC £50. Tel: 01446 790188. (16)

DOUBLE BED £20. Child's single bed - £15. Tel: 01446 737235 (after 6pm). (16)

FIREPLACE Oak surround, marble insert and hearth and living flame fire £175. 01446 775348. (17)

EXTENDING PINE TABLE, four chairs, two carvers, excellent condition, 18 months old - £175ono. 01656 863123. (17)

MAMAS & PAPAS, carry cot/pushchair, excellent condition - £75ono. 01446 781458. (17)

PARKER KNOLL (GREEN) 3 SEAT SOFA and two armchairs plus storage footstool - £150. Buyer collects. 01446 795028. (17)

Motors For Sale

1998 R Reg Rover 618i 1.9 Saloon
New MOT, til March 2011, excellent condition.
£650 ono
07796 848851
01446 775464

2002 Vauxhall Vectra Estate SRI 150 2.2 Litre Engine
Silver, half leather, roof rails, towbar, nice alloys and tyres, a/c, electric pack, recent timing belt, MOT. Good condition. No canvases.
£2,150 ono
07961 022004

03 Plate Ford Ka
New MOT, very good condition, low mileage.
£1,950 ono
07971 185146

T Reg Ford Transit LWB Tipper
88,000 miles, new tyres all round, MOT, Tax Aug 10.
£1,500 ono
01446 795220
07973 920205

Toyota Celica 1.8VVTi LIMITED EDITION BLUE MODEL
Black, alloy wheels, spoiler, leather seats, air con, 6-disc CD changer, service history, tax & MOT.
£6,750 ono
07712 599098

2004 Vauxhall Meriva 5-Dr 1.6i Design
Silver, 44,000 miles, 12 months MOT, 6 months tax. Excellent condition.
£3,000
07855 061984

Range Rover 4.4 HSE Petrol March 06
New 12 months tax, new MoT, 34,000 miles, pale green metallic, grey leather, lady owner, very good condition.
£24,995
01656 890617 or 07969 066981

1997 VW Golf 2.8 VR6
5 Door, Dragon Green metallic, high mileage but excellent condition, long MOT, viewing recommended.
£1,500 ovno
07884 431858

W Reg V5 Seat Toledo
Excellent condition, MOT & Tax July 2010. New tyres, cruise, climate, half leather, towbar, 89k miles.
£1,450 ono
07753 761602

52 Plate Mercedes Benz Sprinter 311 CDI Highroof MWB
Pale blue, 87,000 miles, MOT May 2010, Tax May 2010, runs very well.
£3,000 ono
01446 792336

Deadline for Motor Cars is 12 noon on Tuesday

Vale Schools cruise into plate semi-finals

ON Wednesday, April 14, Vale Schools under-11s took on their counterparts from Cynon Valley.

In a one-sided affair, the Vale boys ran away with the game, with the pack and backs combining well to score some excellent tries, running out winners by 49-7.

It was an excellent warm-up for the quarter-final of the D C Thomas plate match against Bridgend Schools on Saturday, a game which saw the Vale ease into semi-finals with a win.

The Vale started well and only strong tackling from Bridgend kept them at bay.

From a scrum on the five-metre line, Joe Short fed the ball into the scrum, and picking up at the rear, he powered his way over to score. Cai Evans converted.

From the kick-off, the Vale forwards again made their way upfield, and from a ruck on the 22 the ball was passed along line to Cai Evans, who ghosted through the defence to score under the posts, and then converted his own try.

A lapse in concentration at the re-start gifted the ball to Bridgend who passed the ball along the line to the winger, who raced in for an unconverted try, to make it 14-5.

A quick tap penalty by Spencer Robinson started the backs off with the ball, and Will Gale in the centre cut through the defence to score under the posts; the try was converted.

Bridgend moved upfield and with the help of a couple of penalties, managed to cross for a try right on half-time for a score of 21-10 to the Vale.

From the re-start, the

Vale forwards started well, moving the big Bridgend pack around the field, and from a ruck on the Bridgend 22, James Holder went inside three players on his way to score; Cai Evans added the conversion.

From a quick tap penalty, Bridgend crashed over to make it 28-17.

Bridgend added another try and the Vale players were now tackling for their lives. From a tackle in midfield, Bridgend spilt the ball. Will Gale was the first to react and picked up the ball, brushing off two tacklers on his way to score under the posts.

Cai Evans added the two points to make it a final score of 35-22.

Thanks to Bridgend Schools for a great match and the parents for providing the post match meal.

Cowbridge bowlers in early season draw

THE Cowbridge men's team played its first competitive home game of the season last Saturday.

The opposition was Beddau and the match was played in ideal bowling conditions - very little, if any, wind and full sun throughout.

This was in marked contrast to Beddau's previous visit to Cowbridge two years ago when the game was memorable for having been played in the worst conditions imaginable.

Parts of the green were then under water from the driving rain! The match this time was destined for a draw.

Former Cowbridge pupil selected in Welsh sevens team

THE British Universities and Colleges Sport Home Nations Tournament was hosted this year in Edinburgh, an event in which sportsmen and women from English, Northern Irish, Scottish and Welsh Universities play against one

another in three days of intense competition.

Former Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupil Emma Thomas, who is at Aberystwyth University, was selected to represent the Welsh rugby sevens universities team this year.

Wales lost to England and Scotland, but ended on a high, beating Northern Ireland in their final game.

ART IN PENARTH FUTURE events at the Washington Gallery include:

Until May 23, British art medal exhibition. A unique exhibition spread across four Cardiff venues, including the National Museum.

Until May 14, new work by Jackie Morris. The opening evening is on April 23, 7pm-9pm, when the exhibition will be opened by Simon Dancy.

Workshops: Children's art club every Wednesday and Thursday, 4pm-5pm; Pen and wash workshop 2pm-4pm, April 28; Pastel workshop 10m-12noon, April 29; Harp workshop 10am-4pm, May 23.

Until May 9, wood and rush - an exhibition of 2D and 3D work by Lyn Griffiths, Pat Johnson and Daphne Lancaster.

EMAIL US!

● WE welcome your news, views and sports items. Please email them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Zoe's marathon bid for 'Right to Play'

A YOUNG mum from the Vale has set herself a daunting running challenge to raise money for a charity, with the London Marathon this Sunday just the start of it.

Zoe Emery, a mum of two, who lives in Llanmaes, will run the 26.2 miles of the London Marathon, and follow it up with even more mileage in other events!

She told The GEM: "I am running in London for the first time. Last year and this year, I have been running many half-marathons and 10Ks to raise money for a fantastic charity called 'Right to Play'."

"Any money raised

will make a huge difference to a young life, which has been affected by war, poverty and disease in Africa, Asia or the Middle East.

"With just £20, Right to Play can provide regular, weekly sport and play activity for one child for one year - £160 can provide for a coach.

"I plan to run not just the London Marathon, but an additional 53 miles in other events later this year.

"My target is to raise £2,000 - and if people would like to sponsor me, I would appreciate any support."

To support Zoe please go to: www.justgiving.com/zoeemery1; and for information on Right to Play please go to www.righttoplay.org.uk



ABOVE: Zoe Emery is taking on the London Marathon for the first time this Sunday.

COWBRIDGE MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

Successful day's work for rugby players

Under-7s - Pontypridd (home)

A BEAUTIFUL, almost summer morning, on the Cattle Market pitch saw the under-7s entertaining Pontypridd in a game of four halves.

From Ioan Davies' opening try and an answering try from Pontypridd, it was obvious that both teams have developed their skills during their opening season of rugby.

Further tries from Ben Davies, Ben Farrell, Owen Godsell, David Harris, Robbie Hawkins, Elis Howell, Harri Howkins, Oliver Jarmain, Aled Leitch, Dewi Lloyd-Williams, Charlie Lock.

Under-11s v Penarth (home)

COWBRIDGE completed their last home game of the season with a hard-fought but comprehensive win against Penarth.

Both teams fielded 15-a-side in preparation for next season and produced open and free-flowing rugby from start to finish.

The strength and pace of the home side pack began to tell, and good inter-passing between Henry Jones and Harry Hopkins set up a platform for scrum-half Cai Evans to release wing James Holder.

He sprinted 20 yards to open the scoring. The Cowbridge forwards, Duncan Ace and Matthew Keating, were in outstanding form, and from a lineout on the halfway line, James Waters secured possession. Seán Davies

received quick ball and made good ground before passing to Michael Thomas for a well-worked try which was converted by Cai Evans.

Although the visitors fought back bravely, good defensive work by Rhys Beynon and Charlie Martin ensured that Cowbridge finished the half with a comfortable 12-0 lead.

Although the home side made a number of changes for the second half, they remained well in control, and within minutes of the restart, second row Joe Watts drove forward from a line out to set up Cai Evans for the third try, which he then converted.

An elusive run by Harrison Stevens on the left wing ended when he was brought down just 10 metres from the line.

Back row forward Tomos Evans-Williams, following up, fed his backs with a quick pass, leading to Toff Patel beating off a number of tackles to score the final try, converted by Cai Evans.

The Cowbridge backs were now in full flow, with Sam John and Charlie Pegrum causing panic in the visiting defence, and only desperate tackling by Penarth prevented a further score.

A final flourish by the visitors saw them almost cross the Cowbridge line on a number of occasions, but good work by Ollie Rampling and Josh Evans ensured Cowbridge kept a clean sheet for the fifth time this season for a final score of Cowbridge 26, Penarth 0.

Cowbridge now look forward with anticipation to their visit to the Bath festival next week.

CLUB CELEBRATES ITS COLLECTION OF BOXING CHAMPIONS

PORHCRAWL and Pyle Amateur Boxing Club took part in the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) Championships.

The club had eight members entering the championships, with seven making it to the final.

Benjamin Edwards, aged 10 years, in his second year of boxing, comes from Litchard and attends Litchard Primary School. He beat Jacob Lovell of Swansea ABC 9-6 to become Welsh champion at 32kg minor.

Johnny Clatworthy who is last year's Welsh and British Champion, aged 13 years, is in his fourth year of boxing and lives in Cefn Cribbwr, and attends Cynffig Comprehensive.

He beat Sam James (Cwmcarf ABC) in the final 15-6 to become Welsh champion at 54kg junior schoolboy B.

Charles Jones, aged 13 years, in his second year of boxing and from Caer Garw Farm, beat Edward Price, (Bonymaen ABC) 6-3 to become Welsh champion at 70kg junior schoolboy B.

Rufus Budd, who is last year's Welsh champion (aged 16 years) is in his fourth year of boxing and attends Cowbridge Comprehensive. He beat Cameron Mackintosh (Taibach ABC) in the final 17-9 to become Welsh champion at 58kg junior B.

Sam Dyer, who is last year's Welsh and British champion, aged 16 years, is in his fifth year of boxing. He comes from Kenfig Hill, attends Cynffig Comprehensive, and beat Callum Gaskill (Llangefni ABC) 24-4 to become Welsh champion at 48kg junior B.

Scott Pederson, aged 13 years in his fourth



ABOVE: The Porthcawl and Pyle Amateur Boxing Club squad.

year of boxing is from Porthcawl, and attends Porthcawl Comprehensive. He lost in the final to Otis Evans (Maesteg ABC) 18-4 at 50kg junior schoolboy B.

Daniel Cowdrey, who is last year's Welsh champion, aged 13 years in his third year of boxing from Bridgend, and attends Brynteg Comprehensive. He lost in the final 17-5 at 58kg junior schoolboy B.

Jason Clatworthy, last year's Welsh champion, aged 13 years, is in his fourth year of boxing, lives in Cefn Cribbwr and attends Cynffig Comprehensive.

He lost in the semi-final to Jarrod Jones, Dyffryn 5-7 at 48kg junior schoolboy B.

The club's head trainer is Aubrey Lewis, who has been a trainer at the club for 41 years.

The assistant trainer is Paul Chappell a former Wales captain who has been with the club for 17 years, boxing for 15 years, and a trainer for two years.

Assistant trainer No 2 is Barry Pugh, who's been with the club seven years, boxing for three years and a trainer for four.



ABOVE and BELOW: Action from the event.



PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT

The gym is open five nights a week. Monday, Wednesday and Friday (5pm-6pm for juniors and 6pm-7pm for seniors).

Tuesdays and Thursdays is for beginners and it is open 5pm-6pm. New members are always welcome (from age eight).

The club is organising a boxing dinner show in the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, on April 30. Tickets are £30 for an evening of boxing and a four course meal.

Tickets are available from Aubrey Lewis on 01656 740105, tables of six, eight or ten are available.

Welsh cap for Bridgend College football captain

J A M I E THOMAS'S excellent form for Bridgend College Football Academy this season earned him an international call up, when he was included in the Welsh Schools under-18 team which drew 1 - 1 with Northern Ireland.

The Bridgend College Academy skipper has been in sensational form in the heart of the Bridgend defence, and has already represented both the schools and colleges international sides this season.

Jamie is hoping the

draw of international football may provide him with his break into the professional game.

A student at Bridgend College and based in the Pencoe campus, Jamie has benefited from the sporting programme during his stay at the college. Finishing his first year on an HND course, having successfully passed his BTEC National Diploma in Performance and Excellence, Jamie is on course to gain his degree.

The college director of football and former Wales international, Jason Perry, said: "This is yet more evidence of the success that can be gained by students with the correct mixture of a structured academic and



Jamie Thomas (in blue).

sporting programme.

"The training programme runs in a similar way to professional clubs, while students are prepared for life outside their chosen sports."

Trialists are being held at Pencoe campus on

Monday, April 26 and start at 5.30 p.m. Anyone interested should telephone Harry McClean on 07875175085, or Bridgend College on 01656 302600 and leave your details for Jason Perry.

Youth secure league title and maintain 100 per cent record

THE Athletic wrapped up the Ospreys League with this resounding win over a plucky Waunarlwydd side at Newbridge Fields in glorious conditions and in doing so, maintained their 100 per cent league record.

The Athletic moved into top gear from the outset and after only two minutes, from a lineup on halfway, they moved the ball quickly to centre James Olds, who made an incisive break to race over for a great try. The conversion failed.

Tom Davies increased the lead with a penalty for offside, before winger Rhys Jones crossed for a brace of tries to give the Athletic a commanding lead after only 15 minutes.

Waunarlwydd then fought back and pres-

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH WAUNARLWYDD

61 3

sured the Athletic line through their forwards, but could not breach the Athletic defence.

The best they could manage was a dropped goal which meant they were back under pressure from the kick-off, and thereafter they struggled to keep pace with the high tempo handling game of the Athletic.

Further unconverted tries from Lewis Harri and No 8 Sean Derrick gave the Athletic an unassailable lead of 32-3 at half-time.

It wasn't long into the second half when the Athletic scored a fantastic try from just outside their own line, when No 8 Sean Derrick fed scrum-half Tom Davies to start a move which resulted in Lewis Harri racing under the posts to strengthen his position as the side's leading try scorer. Davies converted.

Flanker Curtis Williams then finished off another long-range effort, before Harri got in on the act again, both tries converted by Tom Davies.

Outside-half Tom

Parry then accepted an opportunity for a neat dropped goal before Lewis Harri completed the scoring with an unconverted try.

This win moves the Athletic into the Welsh play offs on May 8, with their opponents yet to be decided.

PR

Hopes high for point-to-point 'Grand National'

by BRIAN LEE

THE Welsh point-to-point 'Grand National' takes place at Redlands Park Racecourse, Bonvilston, on Saturday and last year's winner Misamon, is expected to face the starter.

Others of note for this three-and-a-half mile mixed open race include that good stayer Minsgill Man, Roznic and Oca De Thix.

An interesting entry is Cool Cliche, whose owner Ian Brice, who lives not far from the course, won it some years ago with High Guardian.

However, Cool Cliche, who has been placed in good company under rules, is still without a win and has also been entered for the open maiden race.

More than 160 horses have been entered for the six races and the course has been watered on a daily basis.

Racing gets under way with the members' race at 2pm and Mrs Rae Jones has high hopes of winning it with her Up There, which finished third in the Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire meeting last weekend.

The Dunraven Bowl

Novices Hunter Chase, open to horses qualified in the South and West Wales areas, will be held at Chepstow Racecourse tomorrow (Friday) and Master Charm, trained by Abbi Vaughan at Aberthorn, is expected to give reigning Welsh champion rider Rhys Hughes his third win in this prestigious race.

VICTORY FOR DIAMONDAIRE DENISE WILLIAMS' Diamondaire was an impressive winner at the West Somerset

Vale Point-To-Point Steeplechase at Cottlestone.

Confidently ridden by Ogmores Nick Williams (no relation) Diamondaire, who was racing for the first time, won his division of the two-and-a-half mile maiden race by 15 lengths, the fastest of the two maiden race winners.

Diamondaire is trained by Mrs Williams's husband Phil, a former leading point-to-point rider who served his time with the legendary trainer Bruce Hobbs who, at 17, remains the youngest rider to have won a Grand National.

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC UNDER-9S ARE ON A LEARNING CURVE AGAINST LOCAL RIVALS

THE Ath under-9s travelled to Pontyclun for a fixture against the home side and Kenfig Hill.

The Ath took the field against Kenfig and started well with new boys Daniel Keohane and Thomas Reed running hard and with strong tackling by Dafydd Beech, but it was Kenfig Hill who scored first.

From the restart, a strong run by Christopher Hart was stopped just short of the line, and Kenfig turned the ball over, raced away and scored again!

The Yellow dug in and defended manfully through Brandyn Fooks and Morgan Evans, and

more strong runs by Megan Webb and Charles Crefield were held up short of the line by strong Kenfig Hill tackling.

Then, once again Kenfig turned the ball over and scored, making it 3-0.

Daniel Keohane made way for the other new boy Cem Bozdugan, who made an impact straight away with a strong run.

The second half started well for the Ath, with more good runs by Josh Tidy and William Goodall.

Eventually, solid defence by Dafydd Beech and Cem Bozdugan allowed Brandyn Fooks to turn the ball over and offload to Josh, who then passed

to Megan, who showed a clean pair off heels and scored in the corner.

Kenfig Hill scored two more tries to make the final score 5-1.

Player of the match went to Dafydd Beech for his solid performance in attack and defence.

PONTYCLUN

The Ath started well against Pontyclun with some strong runs by Taine Waite and Cai Robinson.

Pontyclun were then offside at the ruck and quick-thinking Dafydd Beech took a quick tap penalty and passed to Thomas Reed, who beat three defenders to score his first try for the Ath.

Pontyclun were to score next with some strong running, and then

the Ath were offside at a ruck, and they were caught napping as Pontyclun scored again.

Even though the Ath were tackling their hearts out through Morgan Evans and William Goodall, Pontyclun scored again to make it 3-1.

From the restart, Thomas Reed broke away and passed to Megan Webb, who scored in the corner just before half time.

The second half saw changes, with Brandyn off for Daniel Keohane and Megan off for Cem Bozdugan.

Soon after, the Ath were offside at the ruck again (and caught napping again!) for Pontyclun to score.

Chris Hart went off on another great run but was isolated. From the turnover, Pontyclun scored another.

Daniel took a bump on the leg and was replaced by Charles Crefield. More good runs by Morgan Evans came to nothing.

Pontyclun found a hole in the defence and scored again. Megan came back on and again scored in the corner to make it 6-3, but with time running out and some tired legs,

Pontyclun had the final say and scored again to make the final score 7-3.

Player of the match went to Thomas Reed for a great debut

Squad: Taine Waite, Brandyn Fooks, Morgan Evans, Josh Tidy, Cai Robinson, Dafydd Beech, Christopher Hart, Thomas Reed, Megan Webb, William Goodall, Cem Bozdugan, Daniel Keohane, Charles Crefield

WF

CALLING CLUB OFFICIALS!

The GEM welcomes your match reports, and other club items of interest.

Email them to:

ggem@internet-today.co.uk

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Mr Roger Hall – 50 Plassey Street, Penarth – conversion of existing workshop to dwelling with vehicular and pedestrian access.
Mr Simon Lane – Northcliff Farm, Dyffryn – extension and alterations to farmhouse, plus replace existing attached dairy building with residential extension and alterations to domestic curtilage.
Mr and Mrs G May – 6 Brig-y-Don Hill, Ogmere by Sea – loft conversion, including erection of dormer to form elevation.
Mrs Emma Lang – 39 Teifi Drive, Barry – proposed rear single storey kitchen extension.
Mr Clive Francis – 6 Twyn yr Eglwys, Colwinston – two storey extension to existing dwelling providing new kitchen dining room and en-suite bathroom.
Mr Nicholas Bastier – Mor Don, 14 Main Road, Ogmere by Sea – demolish existing porch and rebuild to new dimensions, extend existing garage to incorporate woodshed and store.
Mr Graham – San Marco House, 26 Craig Yr Eos Road, Ogmere By Sea – single storey front extension.
Ms J Williams – 5 Town Mill Road, Cowbridge – reduction of two metres to sycamore and

almond; and around 60cms from a conifer and acer.
Mrs George – Aberthyn House, Llanquian Road, Aberthyn, near Cowbridge – dismantle cherry in rear garden and leaning ash in front garden.
Mr Jones – 11 Elm Grove, Barry – proposed external refurbishment works and conservatory to rear of property.
Mr Brendan Boyle – Woodland Rise, St Andrews Road, Dinas Powys – amendment to full planning permission 2009/00774/FUL – dormer window on front elevation.
Mrs Tara Lloyd – Peterston Super Ely Primary School, Heol Llanbedr, Peterston Super Ely – erection of hexagonal wooden shelter.
Mr Russell Evans – Marlborough Farm Lodge, Crossways, Cowbridge – erection of double storey side extension, conservatory, porch and double garage to front.
Mrs Rita Patel – 83 South Road, Sully – retention of two-metre high gates and pillar.
Mrs Carol Dagwell – The Stables, Penllyn – construction of new conservatory.
Mr S Collier – Springfield, Westra,

Dinas Powys – proposed car port.
Mr Neil Fox – Foxy's Delicatessen, 7 Victoria Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth – variation of condition No 3 referring to opening times attached to approved application 05/01050/FUL for a proposed rear extension and basement conversion to provide additional seating and kitchen/prep area.
Mr Wesley Drew – 45 Spencer Drive, Llandough – two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear of existing house and former detached garage.
Mr Matthew Reypert – 97 Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth – first floor bedroom extension.
Mr Geraint Williams – 4 Mountjoy Crescent, Penarth – single storey rear extension.
Mrs Frampton – Great Hamston Farm, Dyffryn – conservatory to rear.
Mr Chris Coxon – 14 Park Road, Barry – convert roof space to living rooms and bathroom.
Mrs Heather Morrison – 5 Church Crescent, St Hilary – erection of single storey extension to front and rear of existing house.
Penarth Town Council – The Kymin, Beach Road, Penarth – replace existing roof light turret

with flush rooflight, replace existing external steel access/escape staircase to first floor flat and install CCTV security cameras on main building and on isolated garage building.
Mr and Mrs BW Toult – The Old Vicarage, A48 Cowbridge Road, Bonvilston – proposed alterations to roof and internal alterations to enable additional living accommodation at first floor level; single storey side extension to provide sunroom, construction of proposed detached double garage with store above.
Mrs Anwen Pegrum – Downcross, Turkey Street, Llantwit Major – alter window details to rear elevation of house.
Mr David Avraam – Bwthyn Castell, West Street, Llantwit Major – proposed side and rear extensions, including basement excavation and front elevation alterations.
Mrs Ann Macdougall – 7 Cefn Mount, Dinas Powys – single storey extension and dormer to rear elevation.
Curo Sterling (Valegate) Ltd – Unit B, Valegate Retail Park, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff – mixed use development comprising retail warehousing, garden centre, office development and fast food

restaurant with associated car parking, landscaping and access – variation of condition 7 of 91/-1282/OUT to allow 185,859m net of retail floor space to be used for the sale of men's and women's fashion clothing or footwear fashion accessories, jewellery, cosmetics and toiletries pharmaceutical products, within unit B only.
Mr and Mrs James – 7 Cowper Close, Penarth – conservatory to the rear elevation.
Springfield (Llandow) Ltd – Springfield Spray, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge – amendment to existing planning permission – 2009/00919/FUL 1.
Alterations to location of personnel access door 2. Change of building cladding material to lower section of RHS gable wall 3. Change in location of high level ventilation grilles.
Mr Hayden Thomas – Maendy Uchaf Farm, Maendy, Cowbridge – proposed new hay and machinery storage building.
Mr Simon Stratton – 50 Brookfield Avenue, Barry – extension to side of property to provide general storage.
Mr Richard Thomas – 5 Cherwell Road, Penarth – addition of dormer windows in roof, addition of new bi-fold

doors, amendments to window location and sizes and internal plan adjustments.
TB Davies (UK) Ltd – Waterton House, Brocastle Avenue, Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend – extension to existing industrial unit.
Mr John Collins – 14 Benecroft, Rhosce – conversion of existing garage to proposed dining room.
Mr Tony Underdown – 26 Adenfield Way, Rhosce – single storey rear extension.
Mr Ian Gaughan – Southwinds, St Lythans – erection of structure to enclose external swimming pool with accommodation above.
Mr Philip Baker – 10 Clos Tawe, Barry – demolish porch and create a garage at existing 10 Clos Tawe. Utilise southern 290m2 of plot to create a new three-bed house with garage. To facilitate this demolish existing garage in southern part of plot. Provide rear amenity space by providing a culvert for existing stream/water course that runs through plot.
The Matthew Pruett Trust – Sutton Farm, Fort Road, Lavernock, Penarth – extension of approved residential curtilage.

WICK
www.vanhire.co.uk

- CDW (Collision Damage Waiver) from £10 per day
- House Removal Lutons with Tail Lifts
- Large Fleet of Cars (Focus, Fiesta Zafira, Focus Estates)
- People Carriers (VW Tourans, VW Shuttle, Mercedes Travel Liners, 7-9 Seats)
- 4-metre Merc Sprinters & Jumbos
- Small Vans (Connects, Combos, Partners)
- 9-seat Mini Buses
- Full AA Cover
- Tipper
- VW Transporters
- Towbars fitted to most vehicles (inc cars) – Extra Charge
- Roof Racks Available
- Full European Use (special conditions apply)



hire@wickvanhire.co.uk



OPEN 7 DAYS

5 HOUR HIRE FROM £30.00
(100 miles max)

All hirers must possess valid credit/debit card

01656 660160

WE'LL
PAY

£500

THIS
WEEKEND
ONLY

TOWARDS YOUR FINANCE
DEPOSIT ON ALL USED CARS AT
LOOKERS CARDIFF & NEWPORT

Lookers
Customers for Life

**LOOKERS (DUTTON FORSHAW)
CITROËN & PEUGEOT NEWPORT**

Newport Retail Park, Spyttly Road, Newport NP19 4QS

Tel: 0844 659 3371 www.lookers.co.uk

**LOOKERS (DUTTON FORSHAW)
PEUGEOT & ALFA ROMEO CARDIFF**

Colchester Avenue off Newport Road, Cardiff CF23 9AP

Tel: 0844 659 3378 www.lookers.co.uk

GREAT CHEVROLET SAVINGS AT FRF



THE COOL, NEW, FUEL-EFFICIENT, 5-DOOR, 5-SEAT CHEVROLET SPARK. TEST DRIVE IT TODAY

SPARK FROM **£7,995**

SWITCH N' SAVE £2,000.

SWITCH YOUR 6-10 YEAR OLD CAR FOR A NEW CHEVROLET AND GET A GUARANTEED £2,000 FOR YOUR PART EXCHANGE AT FRF CHEVROLET.

**GUARANTEED
£2,000
SWITCH
N' SAVE
ALLOWANCE
FOR YOUR
PART EXCHANGE**



Aveo 1.4 LT 5dr
With £2,000 Switch n' Save allowance
NOW £8,545



Cruze 1.6 LS 4dr
With £2,000 Switch n' Save allowance
NOW £11,395



Captiva 2.0 VCDi LT 5-seat
With £2,000 Switch n' Save allowance
NOW £19,705

Missed out on the Scrappage Scheme savings because your old car wasn't old enough? Then our Switch n' Save offer has the answer. Because your car only has to be 6-10 years old to qualify. So now's the time to trade up to one of our great Chevrolet models and save yourself £2,000.

Switch n' Save today • Call for a test drive



FRF MOTORS
Neath Road Morriston Swansea SA6 8JR
01792 310111
www.chevroletlocal.co.uk/motors

FRF BRIDGEND
Western Avenue Bridgend Industrial Estate Bridgend CF31 3RT
01656 648648
www.chevroletlocal.co.uk/frf



CARS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 30th APRIL 2010

Price of £7995 relates to Spark 1.8. Vehicle shown is Spark 1.2 LT. Vehicles shown feature metallic paint available at extra cost (Spark and Aveo £365, Cruze and Captiva £400). 3 years/10,000 miles full service package at an optional cost (Cruze, Spark and Aveo £200, Captiva £200). Available at participating retailers only. The Programme is available to eligible customers who trade in a qualifying vehicle against the purchase of a new qualifying Chevrolet Aveo, Captiva, Cruze or Captiva at a participating authorised FRF Chevrolet Retailer during the Programme period which is between 1st April 2010 and 30th July 2010 inclusive. Eligibility is subject to compliance with all requirements set out in these terms and conditions. The trade-in vehicle must be a passenger car, 340 first registered in the United Kingdom between 1st March 2008 and 31st March 2004. Terms and conditions apply; please speak to your local retailer for further details. The new vehicle must be ordered between 1st April 2010 and 30th July 2010 inclusive, registered by 30th July 2010, and delivered new at first registration in the UK to the customer. The Programme cannot be used in conjunction with any other Programme or offer. Only one discount is available per new vehicle. Savings against current manufacturers' retail price at time of publication and available on UK supplied vehicles. Prices correct at time of press.

Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km). Aveo 1.4 LT 5dr: Urban - 35.8 (7.9), Extra-urban - 60.1 (4.7), Combined - 47.9 (5.9). CO₂ emissions 140g/km. Captiva 2.0 VCDi LT 7-seat: Urban - 31.7 (8.9), Extra-urban - 42.8 (6.6), Combined - 38.2 (7.4). CO₂ emissions 197g/km. Cruze 1.6 LS 4dr: Urban - 31.4 (9.0), Extra-urban - 51.4 (5.5), Combined - 41.5 (6.8). CO₂ emissions 159g/km. Chevrolet Spark range emissions: Urban 42.8 (6.6), Extra Urban 67.3 (4.2), Combined 55.4 (5.1). CO₂ Emissions 119 g/km.

10 PLATE**CITROEN C1
1.0 VTR+**3 OR 5 DOOR AVAILABLE,
DELIVERY MILEAGE, CHOICE OF COLOURS,
LEATHER TRIM, REMOTE LOCKING,
ELECTRIC WINDOWS**FROM £119 PER MONTH*****Lookers**
Customers for Life**LOOKERS (DUTTON FORSHAW)
CITROËN & PEUGEOT NEWPORT**

Newport Retail Park, Spyty Road, Newport NP19 4QS

Tel: 0844 659 3371 www.lookers.co.uk**LOOKERS (DUTTON FORSHAW)
PEUGEOT & ALFA ROMEO CARDIFF**

Colchester Avenue, Off Newport Road Cardiff CF23 9AP

Tel: 0844 659 3378 www.lookers.co.uk

*Finance subject to status. Terms and conditions apply.

**£2000
MINIMUM
PART EXCHANGE**
on selected cars**05 RENAULT CLIO SPORT 182 BHP • Blue**
WAS £7999**£67
P/MTH****NOW £5999 WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****Indoor SHOWROOM**View our used cars online at: **www.frfmotors.co.uk**All cars come with 6 months Road Fund Licence
& FREE Fuel (maximum £20)**Why choose
FRF Vauxhall?**

- Full Network Q 12 mth warranty
- Best part-exchange price paid
- Full service FREE of charge
- No MOT needed for min of 12 mths
- Drive away within 24 hrs
- Very LOW rate finance

**OVER 200
QUALITY USED
VAUXHALLS IN STOCK****• LOW RATE FINANCE • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME • CASHBACK AVAILABLE • OUTSTANDING SELECTED FINANCE OFFERED • CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH!****Buying with Confidence From Your Main Vauxhall Dealer****FRF Bridgend**
www.frfmotorgroup.co.ukWestern Avenue, Bridgend Ind Est, Bridgend
Sale Hotline
01656 647647**07 VAUXHALL
ZAFIRA 1.6 CLUB**
• A/Con • choice of 3!**WAS £8499
NOW £6499****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£76****04 DAEWOO MATIZ
1.0 SE****WAS £4499
NOW £2499****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£30****07 FORD KA ZETEC
CLIMATE • Alloys • A/Con****WAS £5999
NOW £3999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£47****54 VAUXHALL ASTRA
ELITE**
• New Shape • Leather • A/Con**WAS £6999
NOW £4999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£58****07 RENAULT
CLIO 1.4 PRIVILEGE 5DR**
• New Shape**WAS £7999
NOW £5999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£67****07 VAUXHALL
CORSA 1.0 LIFE 5DR**
• A/Con**WAS £7999
NOW £5999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£67****56 FORD FIESTA
FREEDOM**
• A/Con • Alloys • in Black**WAS £6999
NOW £4999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£58****56 CITROEN C1 VIBE****WAS £6999
NOW £4999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£58****05 VAUXHALL
ASTRA BREEZE**
• Alloys • A/Con**WAS £6999
NOW £4999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£58****06 VAUXHALL
ASTRA 1.4 BREEZE**
• Black • A/Con**WAS £8999
NOW £6999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£81****07 VAUXHALL ASTRA
ELITE 5DR AUTO**
• Leather • A/Con**WAS £9499
NOW £7499****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£88****56 VAUXHALL ASTRA
LIFE ESTATE AUTO**
• A/Con**WAS £7999
NOW £5999****WITH £2000
P/EXCHANGE****P/MTH
£67**

Finance example: Cost Price £7999, Deposit £3999, Balance £4000, 60 Monthly payments of £90 per month (Document and purchase fees apply). Total amount payable £9678.40. Subject to status, and terms of agreement. Written quotations are available on request. Document fees and purchase fees apply. Terms and conditions: All mpg figures taken from ultra urban as stated in Vauxhall brochure. All illustrated deals are non part exchange. All RFL are for 6 months. Fuel consumption figures are manufacturer's ultra urban figure. Amount of fuel given free this weekend is £20 total with each offer.

**15.0%
TYPICAL
APR**Open 7 Days: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-5pm,
Sunday 10am-5pm (10am-11am viewing only.)

Pictures for illustration purposes only.

EXHAUSTS • TYRES • BATTERIES • 4x4 TYRES • SHOCKS • BRAKES • DISCS • MOT'S • ALLOY WHEELS

BRIDGESTONE

WIN A
BRIDGESTONE
TO
ONE

WITH A TOP F1™ TEAM

Enter our prize draw to win an opportunity to meet an F1™ team at this year's British Grand Prix. You never know you could be the **one**.

Ask for a **FREE** tyre check today.

See entry forms for details. Entries must be received by 30.04.10. Open to UK residents aged 18 or over. No purchase necessary.

**CALL IN NOW FOR A
FREE TYRE CHECK!**
PHONE US FOR THE BEST PRICE AROUND

PIRELLI
SPECIALS205/55R16
P4000**£67.00**225/45R17
P6003**£92.50**GOODYEAR
SPECIALS195/65R15
Engle NCT 5**£60.95**205/55R16
Engle NCT 5**£69.95**MIDDLE & REAR
SILENCERS

Examples: **bosal**
204-955 Fiesta 1.25i 93-99 **69.95**
278-111 Rover 25 1.1/1.4 91- **74.95**
175-281
942-005 Peugeot 206 1.4 98-04 **74.95**
190-255

BRAKE PADS

Examples:
PS 732 Gaze 1.8/1.1 91-00 **35.95**
PS 1280 Gaze 1.2/1.4/1.8 91-04 **33.95**
PS 1276 Escort 1.4/1.6 93-99 **38.95**

BATTERIES

FROM ONLY
£43.50
4 YEAR WARRANTY
(Example: UK 063)

STANDARD TYRES

FROM **£28.25**

Size	Brand	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4	Size	Brand	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
155/70R13	Bridgestone B250	£41.25	£78	£150	155/70R13	Avon ZPS	£35.25	£65	£125
165/70R13	Bridgestone B250	£46.25	£87	£165	165/70R13	Avon ZPS	£37.25	£70	£135
175/70R14	Bridgestone B250	£59.25	£102	£210	175/70R14	Avon ZPS	£47.25	£90	£170
175/55R14	Bridgestone B250	£52.25	£99	£170	175/55R14	Avon ZPS	£40.25	£75	£140

PERFORMANCE TYRES

FROM **£34.12**

Size	Brand	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4	Size	Brand	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
155/50R13	Bridgestone B250	£56.25	£99	£190	155/50R13	Avon ZPS	£46.25	£90	£170
165/50R13	Bridgestone B250	£65.25	£120	£230	165/50R13	Avon ZPS	£48.25	£95	£185
175/50R13	Bridgestone B250	£73.25	£132	£255	175/50R13	Avon ZPS	£53.25	£102	£199
175/50R13	Bridgestone B250	£62.25	£108	£205	175/50R13	Avon ZPS	£40.25	£75	£140

HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRES

FROM **£37.85**

Size	Brand	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4	Size	Brand	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
155/50R13	Bridgestone B250	£53.25	£98	£189	155/50R13	Avon ZPS	£46.25	£85	£160
165/50R13	Bridgestone B250	£75.25	£135	£260	165/50R13	Avon ZPS	£49.25	£115	£220
175/50R13	Bridgestone B250	£83.25	£150	£290	175/50R13	Avon ZPS	£52.25	£99	£199
205/55R16	Bridgestone B250	£72.25	£125	£240	205/55R16	Avon ZPS	£62.25	£120	£230

ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRES

FROM **£46.27**

Size	Brand	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4	Size	Brand	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
205/50R16	Bridgestone B250	£100.25	£195	£375	205/50R16	Avon ZPS	£73.25	£140	£270
205/50R16	Bridgestone B250	£77.25	£145	£275	205/50R16	Avon ZPS	£65.25	£120	£230
205/50R17	Bridgestone B250	£103.25	£199	£390	205/50R17	Avon ZPS	£66.25	£135	£260
225/40R18	Bridgestone B250	£132.25	£250	£480	225/40R18	Avon ZPS	£101.25	£195	£375

MOT TESTING
only
£19.95
ON PRODUCTION OF THIS ADVERT

OIL & FILTER CHANGE
from
only
£28.95



BARRY

Cardiff Road, Cadixton
Barry CF63 2QW.
Telephone:
01446 733167



ETB

WE ARE OPEN: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8.00am - 5.30pm, SATURDAYS 8.00am - 4.00pm. ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.
THE PRICE WE QUOTE IS PRICE YOU PAY - ALL OUR PRICES INCLUDE VALVE, BALANCE, FITTING, VAT & CASING DISPOSAL!



BASSETTS - BRIDGEND

OUR USED CAR SELECTION

- ONE YEAR'S WARRANTY
- HISTORICAL MILEAGE GUARANTEES
- TECHNICIAN PREPARATION
- THESE BENEFITS WORTH OVER £800!

07 Berlingo Multispace 1.6i 16V Forte 5dr Estate
Red, 37,485 miles **£6,495**



07 C-crossover 2.2 HDi Exclusive 5dr Auto DCS
Diesel Estate Black, 800 miles **£23,995**



07 Citroen C2 1.1i Airplay + 3dr Hatch Sp Eds
Yellow, 26366 miles **£5,995**



PEUGEOT 407
05 2.0 HDi 136 SE 5dr Diesel SW Estate Grey 66800 miles £4,995

CITROEN Berlingo Multispace
07 1.6i 16V Forte 5dr Estate Red 37,485 miles £6,495

CITROEN C-Crossover
10 2.2 HDi Exc 5dr Auto DCS Estate **DEMO** Black 800 miles £23,995

CITROEN C1
08 1.0i Vibe 3dr Hatch Red 14,500 miles £6,495

08 1.0i Rhythm 5dr Hatch Grey 11,500 miles £7,495

08 1.0i Vibe 3dr Hatch Black 5834 miles £5,995

08 1.0i Rhythm 5dr Hatch Blue 20,000 miles £6,995

07 1.0i Vibe 3dr Hatch Yellow 40,400 miles £5,495

CITROEN C2
07 1.1i Design 3-Dr Hatch Black 22,735 miles £5,995

58 1.6i 16v Code 3dr Hatch Sp Eds Grey 16,000 miles £7,995

08 1.1i Cool 3dr Hatch Sp Eds Silver 25,200 miles £6,995

07 1.1i Airplay + 3dr Hatch Sp Eds Yellow 26,366 miles £5,995

07 1.6i 16v by LOEB 3dr Hatch Sp Eds Red 14,544 miles £6,995

CITROEN C3
07 1.1i L 5dr Hatch Red 8,337 miles £5,995

07 1.4 HDi Desire 5dr Hatch Sp. Edition Grey 31,543 miles £6,995

07 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto Hatch Red 35,162 miles £6,995

05 1.6 HDi 16V Exc 5dr Diesel Hatch Blue 56,500 miles £5,995

08 1.4i Rhythm 5dr Hatch Blue 12,091 miles £7,995

08 1.4 HDi Cachet 5dr Hatch Sp Edition Grey 15,500 miles £8,495

08 1.4 HDi Cachet 5dr Hatch Sp Edition Grey 29,617 miles £7,995

09 1.4i 16V Exclusive 5dr Hatch Red 5,000 miles £9,295

09 1.4i VTR 5dr Hatch Black 25,435 miles £8,995

09 1.4i VTR 16V Exclusive 5dr Hatch **DEMO** Blue 16,455 miles £12,995

CITROEN C4
08 1.6i 16V Cool 3dr Coupe Sp Eds Grey 11,000 miles £7,995

05 1.6 HDi 16V SX 5dr [92] Diesel Hatch Red 54,960 miles £5,995

10 1.6i 16V VTR by LOEB 3dr Coupe Sp Ed Sport Red 3 miles £10,995

07 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto Hatch Silver 44,268 miles £6,495

07 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto Hatch Black 32,489 miles £6,995

07 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Hatch Blue 32,661 miles £6,995

09 1.6i 16V THP VTS 3dr Coupe **DEMO** Blue 2,967 miles £12,995

07 1.6 HDi 16V Cool 5dr Hatch Sp Eds Grey 20,190 miles £7,995

07 1.6i 16V VTR Plus 3dr Coupe Grey 7,995 miles £7,995

CITROEN C4 GRAND PICASSO
09 1.6 HDi 16V VTR+ 5dr EGS Diesel Estate Silver 6,104 miles £15,495

08 1.6 HDi 16V VTR Plus 5dr Diesel Estate Grey 19,441 miles £13,995

07 1.8i 16V VTR Plus 5dr Estate Silver 21,500 miles £10,495

07 1.8i 16V VTR Plus 5dr Estate Blue 15,356 miles £10,495

07 2.0i 16V VTR Plus 5dr EGS Estate Mauve 21,520 miles £10,995

CITROEN C4 PICASSO
07 2.0i 16V SX 5dr EGS [5 Seat] Estate Silver 7,723 miles £8,995

CITROEN C5
09 2.0 HDi 16V VTR+ 4dr Auto Diesel Saloon Red 14,994 miles £13,495

07 1.6 HDi 16V VTR 5dr Diesel Hatch Silver 28,500 miles £7,495

06 2.0 HDi 16V Exclusive 5dr Diesel Hatch Silver 35,000 miles £7,995

CITROEN Nemo Multispace
10 1.4i 8v 5dr Estate Blue 150 miles £9,495

CITROEN RELAY
09 2.2 HDi H1 Van 120ps 33 L1 Diesel White 50,422 miles £9,995

CITROEN XSARA PICASSO
07 1.6i 16V VTX 5dr Estate Blue 16,593 miles £7,395

08 1.6i 16V Desire 5dr Estate Brown 27,506 miles £7,495

06 1.6 HDi Exclusive 5dr Diesel Estate Black 34,000 miles £6,495

02 1.8i 16V SX 5dr Estate Mauve 44,578 miles £3,995

07 1.6 HDi 92 VTX 5dr Diesel Estate Silver 18,230 miles £7,895

20 2.0 HDi Desire 2 5dr Diesel Estate Silver 24,368 miles £5,995



07 Citroen C3 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto Hatch
Red, 35,162 miles **£6,995**



07 C4 Picasso 2.0i 16V SX 5dr EGS [5 Seat]
Estate Silver, 7,723 miles **£8,995**



57Xsara Picasso 1.6i 16v Desire Estate
5-dr, Brown, 27,506 miles **£7,495**



BASSETTS BRIDGEND 01656 649009

SOUTH ROAD, BRIDGEND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BRIDGEND, MID GLAMORGAN, CF31 3UL
www.bassettsbridgend.citroen.co.uk

New Broad Street Motors Ltd

Broad Street, Barry Est.1979

PRESTIGE

- 07 **07 JAGUAR X K convertible**. Zircon blue met with ivory sports leather interior, upgraded 20 inch setanta wheels, full colour satellite navigation, electric sunroof, memory seats, cruise control, climate control, rear parking sensors, bluetooth phone prep, only 12,621 miles, fsh, 1 owner £39,995
- 06 **56 BMW 2.0TD 320D SE 4-dr Saloon**. In Arctic grey with anthracite interior, automatic air con, upgraded alloy wheels, rear parking sensors, only 41,655 miles, fsh £13,995
- 06 **56 BMW 116i SE 5-dr** in sparkling graphite met with full Boston beige leather interior, comfort pack, cd, climate control, alloy wheels, reversing sensors, auxiliary i-pod connection, only 19,950 miles interior titanium trim, auto lights and auto wipers £11,995
- 06 **56 SAAB 9-3 1.9 Tid (150bhp) Vector 4-dr Saloon Automatic**. In steel grey with half leather seats, steering wheel mounted gear change, climate control, rear parking sensors, in dash multi CD, only 46,905 miles £8,995
- 05 **05 BMW X5 3.0D Auto Sport 5-Dr Station Wagon**. In sparkling graphite with black leather interior, 19" alloy wheels, air con, CD, front/rear parking sensors, privacy glass, only 52,290 miles £17,995
- 05 **05 MERCEDES Benz 1.8 SLK 200 Compressor Auto 2-dr Convertible** in Tellur silver, black leather interior, climate control, multi function steering wheel, CD, alloys, only 61,000 miles, fsh £16,995
- 05 **05 MERCEDES Benz M-Class 2.7 TD ML270 CDI Automatic 5-dr Station Wagon**. In Brilliant silver with Orion grey leather interior, climate control, Bluetooth phone prep, privacy glass, heated seats, rear parking sensors, only 52,975 miles £15,995
- 05 **05 AUDI A4 Cabriolet 2.4 S Line 6 speed**. In met silver with profile S-line interior, 18" alloys, BOSE stereo upgrade, 6 cd multi-changer, glove box fridge, climate control, only 42,365 miles £12,995
- 04 **54 MERCEDES Benz CL500 5 litre 2-dr Auto coupe**. In tanzanite blue with java leather interior with BOSE sound system, AMG body styling, electric sunroof, only 48,245 miles £19,995
- 04 **04 PORSCHE Carrera 3.6 Convertible** in lapis blue with metropole leather, bose speaker upgrade, starlight navigation, phone system, cruise control, trip computer, heated seats, sports exhaust system, full Porsche service history, hard top, only 42,761 miles £29,995
- 03 **53 LEXUS IS200 2.0 Sport 4-dr Saloon** in platinum ice silver with black suede interior, electric sunroof, electric driver and passenger seat adjust, heated front seats, climate control, service history, only 51,155 miles £6,995
- 00 **X PORSCHE Boxster 3.2S** in basalt black with full black leather, upgraded 18 inch sport design alloy wheels, heated seats, cd with i-pod connection, wind deflector, colour coded hardtop, fsh, only 73,813 miles £10,995

SPORTS

- 09 **58 VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 SRI Sporthatch (Design Exterior Package)**. In technical gray met with silver alpha interior, air con, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, rear spoiler, trip computer, only 26,770 miles £10,995
- 57 **HYUNDAI Coupe 2.0 Sill** in steel grey with full red leather interior, climate control, sunroof, cruise control, alloy wheels, only 23,600 miles £10,495
- 07 **SEAT Leon 2.0 TDI DPF FR 5-dr Hatchback**. In black magic with FR grey interior, cruise control, air con, traction control system, ESP, only 36,598 miles £13,495
- 06 **56 HONDA Civic 1.8i Vtec Type-S 3-dr Hatchback**. In alabaster silver with alcantara/suede interior, climate control, CD, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 24,405 miles £10,495
- 06 **06 VOLKSWAGEN Golf GT TDI 2.0 (140) 5-dr** in steel grey with dark interior, cd, dual climate control, cruise control, alloy wheels, electric mirrors, only 58,300 miles £9,995
- 53 **AUDI A3 2.0T FSI 5-dr Sport back** in Avus silver with matrix cloth interior, BOSE speaker system, 17 inch alloy wheels, front fog, climate control, cd, only 39,280 miles £11,995
- 04 **54 VOLKSWAGEN Golf GTI 2.0T FSI (200ps) 3-dr**. In reflex silver with interlagos interior, climate control, traction control, tyre pressure monitor, trip computer, sports seats, alloy wheels, only 69,192 miles £9,995
- 54 **MG TF 1.8 135 Convertible**. In ignition blue with anthracite Sebring interior, alloy wheels, cd player, alarm and immobiliser only 27,100 miles £4,995
- 04 **04 RENAULT Clio 162 Sport 3-dr Hatchback**. In met blue with half leather/suede interior, sports seats, traction control, cruise control, climate control, alloys, 6 cd auto changer, only 51,314 miles £5,995
- 04 **04 CITROEN C2 1.6 VTR Sensodrive** in arctic steel silver with neutron mesh interior, paddle shift, alloy wheels, air con, colour coded bumpers, rear spoiler, cd, only 62,100 miles £4,295
- 03 **03 MAZDA MX5 1.8i** option pack in strada blue with black sports interior, c/d, alloy wheels, e/c windows, heated rear screen, only 63,750 miles £5,495
- 53 **MG TF 1.8 135hp 2-door Convertible**. In starlight silver with black interior, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, CD, electric windows, only 30,845 miles £4,495
- 02 **02 MG ZS 2.5 180**. In anthracite black, with monaco ash interior with red inserts, alloy wheels, a/c, cd, colour coded bumpers, front fogs, alarm and immobiliser, only 62,310 miles £2,995

FAMILY

- 09 **09 FORD FOCUS 1.6 (100ps) Style 5 door hatchback** in Aquarius blue with dark flint interior, air con, front fog lights, colour coded bumpers, manufactures warranty only 5,760 miles £9,995
- 07 **57 CITROEN C3 1.4 HDI Cool 5-dr hatchback** in Arctic silver with Galand black interior, air con, cd, immobiliser, £35 a year road tax, one owner, only 37,845 miles £6,995
- 06 **56 TOYOTA Corolla 1.8i V6i Collection 1.4 5-dr Hatchback**. In adelphe black with black interior, air con, a/c, alloys, colour coded side skirts, auto controls on steering wheel, one owner, only 32,415 miles £7,995
- 05 **55 RENAULT Megane 1.6 16v Dynamique** in met platinum silver with ruche cloth interior, auto lights, auto wipers, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 16,380 miles £5,795
- 05 **05 VW Bora 1.9 TDI Highline 4-Dr Saloon**. In black with beige leather interior, air con, heated seats, rear parking sensors, only 57,655 miles £7,495
- 05 **05 HONDA Civic 1.7 CDTi** in magnetic blue with hatch fabric interior, alloy wheels, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 55,130 miles £6,495
- 04 **04 TOYOTA Avenis 2.0 VVTi T-Spirit Auto 4-dr Saloon**. Silver fern, st moritz charcoal leather, map gps nav system, climate, cruise, electric seat adjustment, only 55,065 miles £6,495
- 04 **04 SKODA Fabia 1.2 Limited Edition 5-dr hatchback** in met green with grey interior, alloy wheels, electric windows, colour coded bumpers, service history, only 52,765 miles £3,795
- 03 **03 HONDA Civic Type S 5-dr** in clover green met with half leather sports seats, climate control, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, full Honda service history, only 36,030 miles £5,695
- 52 **BMW 1.8 316i SE Touring Estate** in Sapphire Black with anthracite interior, alloys wheels, 6 CD multichanger automatic air con, colour coded bumpers, only 50,200 miles £6,995
- 02 **03 DAEWOO Lanos 1.6 SE** in Pacific blue with Eos cloth, alloy wheels, air con, CD, colour coded bumpers, heated door mirrors, alarm and immobiliser, only 26,971 miles £1,995
- 02 **51 PEUGEOT 306 1.6 Meridian Auto Estate** in met silver with half black leather, air con, alloys wheels, cd, colour coded bumpers, alarm and immobiliser, roof rails, fsh, only 88,970 miles £2,995

SMALL

- 09 **09 VAUXHALL Corsa Club A/C 1.2 16v 5-Dr**. In black sapphire, with cable charcoal interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, CD, alarm and immobiliser, auxiliary output, only 18,218 miles £8,495
- 09 **09 CHEVROLET Aveo LT 1.4** in pearl black with bricket cloth, aircon, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, alarm and immobiliser, cd, only 16,900 miles £6,995
- 08 **58 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v Design (A/C)**. 5 door in ice blue with dark interior, air con, MP3 input, colour coded bumpers, front fog lights, only 19,950 miles £8,495
- 08 **58 VAUXHALL Corsa Breeze 1.0 12v 3-Dr**. In silver lightning with punch charcoal interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 12,010 miles £7,295
- 08 **08 FORD KA Studio**. In panther black with cascade interior, immobiliser, CD, drivers airbag, central locking, only 32,349 miles £4,995
- 08 **57 FORD KA Style Climate**. In tango red with cascade interior, colour coded bumpers, air con, CD, Quickclear front screen, only 32,136 miles £5,295
- 07 **07 PEUGEOT 107 1.0 12V Urban 3 door hatchback** in met Blue with black interior, CD, electri windows, full service history, one owner, £35 a year road tax, only 7,080 miles £5,995
- 07 **07 RENAULT Clio Dynamique 1.4 5-dr Hatchback** in silver with black interior, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, fog lights, only 37,550 miles £6,995
- 06 **06 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Extreme 3-dr Hatchback**. In platinum silver with grey interior, alloy wheels, steering wheel mounted auto controls, colour coded bumpers, CD, only 19,860 miles £5,995
- 06 **55 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style Climate 3-dr** in tonic blue with Kyoto ebony interior, air con, quickclear front screen, cd, trip computer, colour coded bumpers, only 41,820 miles £5,295
- 05 **05 MINI 1.6 One (sat) 3-dr Hatchback**. In pure silver with anthracite interior, 6 CD changer, automatic dipping rear-view mirror, panoramic roof, body coloured bumpers, only 39,600 miles £7,995
- 05 **05 HYUNDAI Getz 1.1 GSI 5-dr** in clean silver with grey cloth interior, cd, 5 belted seats, driver and passenger airbags, immobiliser, colour coded bumpers, only 26,280 miles £3,995
- 04 **04 PEUGEOT 206 2.0 Coupe Cabriolet 2-dr** in platinum silver with full black astrakan leather interior, air con, cdm alloy wheels, alarm, only 43,895 miles £6,495
- 04 **04 FORD Fiesta 1.4 SILVER Limited Edition**. In moon dust silver with full midnight black leather, air con, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, cd, only 29,775 miles £4,995
- 03 **53 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v SXi 3-dr hatchback** in black with dark interior, colour coded bumpers, alloy wheels, cd, only 45,800 miles £3,795
- 02 **02 PEUGEOT 206 1.6 Coupe Cabriolet S 2-dr** in platinum silver with full black astrakan leather interior, air con, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, auto lights, only 45,820 miles £5,495
- 52 **RENAULT Megane 1.6 16v Dynamique 3-dr Hatchback** in met silver with dark interior, air con, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, auto lights, only 48,060 miles £3,495
- 01 **51 PEUGEOT 206 2.0 Coupe Cabriolet SE 2-dr** in platinum silver with full black astrakan leather interior, digital climate control, cd, 16 inch alloy wheels, front fogs, only 46,010 miles £3,995
- L **93 AUSTIN Mini 1.3 Sprite** 2 door automatic in night fire red with grey interior, all original specification only 47,700 miles £1,995



03 **52 BMW 1.8 316i SE Touring Estate** in Sapphire Black with anthracite interior, alloys wheels, 6 CD multichanger automatic air con, colour coded bumpers, only 50,280 miles £6,995



02 **51 PEUGEOT 306 1.6 Meridian Auto Estate** in met silver with half black leather, air con, alloys wheels, cd, colour coded bumpers, alarm and immobiliser, roof rails, fsh, only 88,970 miles £2,995



02 **02 PEUGEOT 206 1.6 Coupe Cabriolet S 2-dr** in platinum silver with full black astrakan leather interior, air con, cd, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, auto lights, only 64,220 miles £5,495



09 **09 CHEVROLET Aveo LT 1.4** in pearl black with bricket cloth, aircon, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, alarm and immobiliser, cd, only 16,900 miles £6,995



03 **53 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v SXi 3-dr hatchback** in black with dark interior, colour coded bumpers, alloy wheels, cd, only 45,800 miles £3,795



06 **55 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style Climate 3-dr** in tonic blue with Kyoto ebony interior, air con, quickclear front screen, cd, trip computer, colour coded bumpers, only 41,820 miles £5,295



03 **03 HONDA Civic Type S 5-dr** in clover green met with half leather sports seats, climate control, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, full Honda service history, only 36,030 miles £5,695



04 **04 SKODA Fabia 1.2 Limited Edition 5-dr hatchback** in met green with grey interior, alloy wheels, electric windows, colour coded bumpers, service history, only 52,765 miles £3,795

Gwasanaeth Cymraeg Ar Gael

View our stock online

01446 720044

Finance available subject to status, UK residence, over 18 years of age.
Written quotations available on request.
Guarantees may be required.

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

visit our website

www.nbsm.co.uk

HOWE MOTORS LTD

Est 1994

0 1 4 4 6 7 3 8 0 8 8

PART EXCHANGE TO CLEAR

Spring Clearout Sale



51 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 LX 3-dr in silver met, very low miles, only 45k, new MoT, ideal 1st buy, air con, power steering, low insurance ~~£2995~~ **NOW £2495**



04 FORD Ka 1.3 3-dr in ice green met, 2004 model, only 65,000 miles, power steering, new MoT ~~£2995~~ **NOW £2455**



W ALFA ROMEO Spyder 2.0 T-Spark 16v 2-dr in red met, convertible, only 90k with fsh, excellent value, MoT until March 2011 ~~£2995~~ **NOW £2755**



02 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Ghia 5-dr in green met, 5-dr hatch, excellent condition, power steering, air con, wood trim, MoT until October 2010 ~~£2495~~ **NOW £2295**



02 FORD Focus 1.8 LX TDDi 5-dr Estate in white, Diesel, excellent condition, part exchange to clear, New MoT **NOW £2495**



52 FORD Ka 1.3 3-dr in silver met, lovely condition with full service history, MoT until August **NOW £2295**



N MAZDA MX5 in red, UK car, excellent condition, completely original, MoT ~~£1995~~ **NOW £1795**



S BMW 318S 4-dr 1.9 E36 in Avus blue, M Sport model, sports seats, rae twin cam 1.9, 147bhp, New MoT ~~£1995~~ **NOW £1795**



R MGF 1.8 Sports 2-dr in silver, 79k, with power steering, alloy wheels, remote locking, MoT until March 2011 **NOW £1995**



S BMW 523i SE 4-dr in topaz blue, excellent condition, part ex to clear on trade basis, new MoT ~~£1995~~ **NOW £1795**



N MITSUBISHI Shogun 2.5 GLX TD SWB 3-dr in silver met, diesel, 4-wheel drive, MoT until December 2010, alloys, a/c, e/w, pas **NOW £995**



N MITSUBISHI FTO 2.0 Auto in silver met, JDM spec, tiptronic auto, 2.0 V6 quad cam, very quick car, MoT **NOW £1495**



L LANDROVER Discovery 3.5 V8i 5-dr in red, late V8i model with fully working LPG gas, e/w, excellent fun, MoT until January 2011 **NOW £795**



V ROVER 420i E 5-dr Diesel in red met, 5-dr diesel with long MoT, part ex to clear on a trade basis **NOW £695**



V DAEWOO Lanos 1.6SX 5-dr in green met, low insurance hatch, e/w, power steering, MoT until September 2010 **NOW £695**

SENSIBLE OFFERS TAKEN!!!

www.howemotors.co.uk

Powell Dyffryn Way | Barry | Vale of Glamorgan | CF62 5QR | VAT No. 615915045 | Company Reg No. 4993212



Gary Watson Motor Co Ltd



07 **MERCEDES CL500 Auto.** In silver with full black leather trim, 25,000 miles, host of extras on this luxury coupe.....£44,995



07 **RENAULT Clio 12 Expression 3-dr.** In steel blue, 33,000 miles with a/c, c/d, etc.....£6,495



52 **PEUGEOT 307 SW 1.6 Automatic.** In gold, 85,000 miles, with full panoramic glass roof.....£3,495



06 **CHEVROLET Kalos 1.4 Sport 3-dr.** In black, with black leather trim, 37,000 miles.....£4,695



54 **RENAULT Megane VVTi Privilege Automatic 5-dr.** Met grey, half leather trim, low mileage.....**REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,995**

SPORT, PRESTIGE & 4X4

07	MERCEDES CL500 Auto.	In silver with full black leather trim, 25,000 miles, host of extras on this luxury coupe	£44,995
04	MERCEDES SL55 AMG.	In met silver with grey leather trim, 33,000 miles, panoramic roof, command Bose etc.	£32,995
55	MERCEDES S 320 CDI.	In silver with black leather, 47,000 miles, high spec diesel executive saloon at	£16,995
05	MERCEDES CLK 220 CDI.	In silver with grey leather trim, 60,000 miles, usual refinements.....	REDUCED BY £1000 TO £13,995
53	JAGUAR XJ8 3.6 Automatic.	In silver with cream leather trim, 53,000 miles, luxury motoring at	REDUCED BY £1000 TO £10,995
05	AUDI A4 Avant 1.9TDi SE.	In silver, 50,000 miles, desirable diesel estate at	£10,995
04	VW Beetle 2.0 Convertible.	In red, 47,000 miles, 1 owner, 4 seater convertible	£8,995
56	RENAULT Megane 2.0 Convertible.	In met blue, 31,000 miles, 4-seater convertible at	£7,995
53	MERCEDES 320CLK Auto.	In light met blue with charcoal leather trim, host of extras on this sports coupe	£7,995
52	MERCEDES ML 270 CDI.	In black with grey leather trim, 91,000 miles, heated seats, climate control etc	£7,995
52	BMW Z3 2.2 Roadster.	In silver with black leather trim, 44,000 miles, very nice example	£7,995
05	RENAULT Megane 1.6 Dynamique CC.	In silver, 43,000 miles, 4 seater convertible	REDUCED BY £500 TO £6,495
51	TOYOTA Celica 1.8VVTi.	In blue, 75,000 miles with glass roof, rear spoiler etc.....	£4,995
R	MERCEDES SLK 230 Auto.	In green black with two tone leather trim, great value Mercedes Convertible at	£4,995
02	PEUGEOT 206cc 20.	In met-blue with black leather trim, 58,000 mile convertible at	£4,695
02	TOYOTA Corolla T-Sport 3-dr.	In champagne metallic, 63,000 miles, 1 local owner, FSH.....	REDUCED BY £300 TO £3,995
06	MGZR 14 (105) 3-dr.	In met. blue, 46,000 miles, low insurance with alloys, cd, etc	£3,995
02	MG ZT 2.5.	In silver with sports interior, looks and drives superb at	£3,795
02	SUZUKI Grand Vitara Soft-Top 1.6 GV1600	In red. Fun 4x4 at	£3,495
X	BMW 316SE Compact.	In silver, 86,000 miles, cd, a/c, alloys	£2,495
R	BMW 318Ti Compact.	In met red with half leather trim, cd, a/c, M-Tec body kit	£2,195

SMALL, ECONOMICAL AND FAMILY CARS

08	HONDA Civic Hybrid Automatic ES.	In silver, 3,800 miles, high specification dual fuel with £15 a year road tax.....	£11,995
07	RENAULT Megane 1.6 Dynamique Automatic 5-dr.	In met sand, 18,000 miles, 1 owner	£6,995
07	RENAULT Laguna 2.0 DCi 150 Expression 5-Dr.	In met. Blue, 32,000 miles, 1 owner, with sat nav etc.	£6,995
05	TOYOTA Prius 1.5 Hybrid T3 Auto.	In blue, sixty plus to the gallon and £10 per year road tax	£6,995
56	FORD Focus 1.6 Zetec Climate Automatic 3-dr.	In black, 12,000 miles, superb value at	£6,995
55	HONDA Civic 1.6 Executive 5-dr.	In forest pearl silver with black leather trim, 35,000 miles, fsh	REDUCED BY £500 TO £6,995
53	FORD Galaxy 1.9TDDi Ghia 6-speed.	In met silver, 61,000 miles, high spec diesel, 7 seater	£6,995
07	RENAULT Clio 12 Expression 3-dr.	In steel blue, 33,000 miles with a/c, c/d, etc	£6,495
56	FORD Focus 1.4LX 5-dr.	In electric blue, 30,000 miles with a/c, cd, etc	£6,495
57	PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Look 3-dr.	In diablo red, 24,000 miles, under manufacturer warranty	REDUCED BY £300 TO £5,995
07	FIAT Grande Punto 1.4 Dynamique Sport Automatic.	Met blue, 23,000 miles	REDUCED BY £1000 TO £5,995
05	FORD Focus 1.6 Zetec Climate 5-dr.	In ice blue met, 39,000 miles with a/c	£5,995
54	TOYOTA Avensis 1.8 T3X 5-dr.	In silver, 42,000 miles, 2 owner example at	£5,995
04	TOYOTA Corolla 2.0 D4D T3 5-dr.	In silver, 54,000 mile diesel with sat-nav	£5,995
04	VW Passat 1.9TDi Highliner 130 Automatic.	In silver with black leather, 84,000 miles, high spec	£5,695
07	CITROEN C4 1.4 LX 5-dr.	In gun metal met, 35,000 miles, stylish hatch at	£5,495
55	NISSAN Primara 2.0 SX 5-dr.	In silver, 35,000 miles with sat-nav, alloys, reversing camera.....	£5,495
52	VW Golf 1.9 GTDi 130 bhp 5-dr.	In silver, sought after diesel at	£5,495
08	FIAT Panda 1.1 Active.	In met-blue, 15,000 miles with cd etc, under FIAT warranty	£4,995
55	MITSUBISHI Colt 1.5Di - D Equipe 3-dr.	In met-grey 41,000 miles, diesel hatch with low running costs.....	£4,995
54	RENAULT Megane VVTi Privilege Automatic 5-dr.	Met grey, half leather trim, low mileage	REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,995
57	RENAULT Clio 1.2 Campus.	In steel blue, 37,000 miles, fantastic value at	£4,795
06	CHEVROLET Kalos 1.4 Sport 3-dr.	In black, with black leather trim, 37,000 miles.....	£4,695
04	FORD Fiesta 1.4 Flame.	In electric blue, low mileage example with alloys, cd, etc.	£4,495
04	FORD Fiesta 1.4 Silver 3-Dr.	62,000 miles with full leather trim, A/C, CD etc.	£4,495
04	FORD Focus 1.6 Edge 5-dr.	In light met-blue, low mileage example with alloys, a/c, etc.....	£4,495
06	ROVER 75 2.0 CDT Club Touring.	In silver, 62,000 miles, diesel estate at	£4,495
06	FORD Ka 1.3 Collection.	In met silver, 22,000 miles	£4,295
56	CHEVROLET Matiz 1.0SE 5-dr.	In silver, 10,000 miles with a/c, cd, etc	£3,995
06	FORD Ka 1.3 Collection.	In Apple green, 23,000 miles with decals.....	REDUCED BY £800 TO £3,995
04	VAUXHALL Meriva 1.6 Life.	In silver with a/c, e/w, c/l.....	£3,995
03	SAAB 95 2.2TDi.	In silver with black leather, 93,000 miles, solid diesel saloon at	£3,995
52	SMART 600cc Passion.	In black, 35,000 miles, automatic, alloys, glass roof, a/c, etc	£3,495
52	PEUGEOT 307 SW 1.6 Automatic.	In gold, 85,000 miles, with full panoramic glass roof	£3,495
03	VAUXHALL Astra 1.6SX 5-dr.	In black, 61,000 miles, ideal family hatch at	£3,295
54	DAEWOO Lacetti 1.6 SXi 5-dr.	In jade met, 53,000 miles with a/c, c/d, alloys, etc	£2,995
02	RENAULT Clio 1.2 Dynamique.	In black, 60,000 miles, sought after model at	£2,995
51	RENAULT Clio 2.0 Sport 172.	In met-red, very nice example at	£2,995
51	ROVER 75 2.0 CDT Diesel Club SE.	In met blue, 85,000 miles, fantastic value at	£2,695
52	DAEWOO Tacuma 1.6SX.	In met-red with cd, a/c, alloys	£2,495
02	CITROEN Saxo 1.6 VTR.	In black, host of extras, group 7 insurance.	£2,495
52	FIAT Punto 1.2 Active 5-Dr.	In met silver, 58,000 miles, on offer at	£2,195

01446 722600

Broad Street, Barry (Next to Barry train Station)

RAC
WARRANTIES

FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE
ALL CARS HPI CLEAR • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME • OPEN 7 DAYS
CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN

www.garywatsonmotorcompany.co.uk

Gills4Cars.com

Specialist with over 20 years experience

Bridgend Stock MORE ARRIVING DAILY!

**£19,975**

06 56 BMW 335d SE 2-dr Auto, grey, 29k

**£7,975**

09 58 CITROEN C2 1.4VTR, met black, 9k

**£28,975**

07 07 AUDI Q7 TDI Quattro S-Line 5-dr 33k

**£5,775**

07 07 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Campus, grey met, 39k

**£9,975**

07 07 MAZDA RX8 4-dr (231), met black, 29k

**£3,975**

03 53 VW Passat 2.0 S 4-dr, met blue, 74k

Finance example

Amount of credit:
£4975.00
35 Monthly payments
of **£163.06**
Final payment of **£462.06**
Total charge for credit
£1194.16
Total amount payable
£6169.16
Weekly equivalent **£39.55**

APR 14.82%

*Photos are indicative only

Small Cars

- 02 52 PEUGEOT 206 1.1 Met blue, 68k miles**£3,475**
05 05 CHEVROLET Matiz 1.0 SE+ 5-dr. Silver met, 50k miles, rcl, ew, pas, cd**£3,965**
05 54 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Expression 3-dr. Silver, met, 58k miles, rcl, pas, ew, cd**£4,475**
06 56 HYUNDAI 1.4 Getz GSi 3-dr. Black, met, 15k miles, rcl, ew, pas, cd**£4,975**
05 05 FORD Fiesta 1.25 LX. In silver, 33,000k miles, cd, front e/w**£5,295**
07 07 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Campus 5-dr, grey met, 39k miles, rcl, pas, ew, cd**£5,775**
04 04 FORD StreetKa 1.6 Luxury. Met black, 49k**£5,975**
04 54 TOYOTA Yaris VVTi 3-Dr 1.3. Met blue, 17k miles only, alloys**£5,975**
07 07 CITROEN C3 1.4 Desire 5-dr. Met black, cd, a/c, pas, 12k miles**£6,975**
07 07 RENAULT Clio 1.4 Dynamique 3-dr hatch. Silver met, 24k miles, a/c, rcl, ew, pas, alloys**£6,975**
09 58 CITROEN C2 1.4VTR Met black, 9k miles**£7,975**

Family Cars

- 03 53 VW Passat 2.0 S 4-dr. Met. blue, 74k miles, many extras**£3,975**
05 05 FORD Focus 1.8 TDCi Zetec 3-dr. Met blue, 76k miles, fully loaded**£4,975**
06 56 TOYOTA COROLLA. Silver, T3, 54,000 miles, a/c, cd, alloys, rcl**£6,975**
07 07 FIAT Grande Punto 1.2 Dynamic 5dr. Met blue, e windows, rcl, 5k miles**£6,975**
07 07 PEUGEOT 307 Hdi 90SE **TURBO DIESEL**. Green/grey met, 38k miles, alloys, rcl, ew, cd, a/c**£7,975**
06 06 FORD Focus 1.6LX 5-dr, **AUTO**. In blue, petrol, 22,500 miles, a/c, c/d player, front e/c window, rcl**£7,995**

Sports & Executives

- 05 05 CHEVROLET Lacetti 1.8 Sport. Met. black, 55k miles, fully loaded**£4,975**
05 05 HYUNDAI Sonata 2.4 Auto Saloon, 4-dr, Silver met, 50k miles, rcl, ew, cd, cruise, full leather**£4,975**
05 54 VAUXHALL Vectra 1.9 CDTi SRI **AUTO** 5dr. Met blue, alloys, a/c, fsh**£5,975**
05 05 PEUGEOT 307 Convertible. Met silver, **Sold****£7,975**
07 07 MAZDA RX8 4-dr (231) Met black, 29k miles **£9,975**
57 07 BMW 320D M Sport 4-dr **AUTO**. Met black, 31k miles, diesel, cream leather seats**£18,975**
04 04 MERCEDES SL 500 Cabriolet **AUTO**. Silver met, 82k miles, leather, alloys, climate, cd, ew, rcl**£19,975**
06 56 BMW 335D **AUTO** 2dr Coupe Turbo Diesel. Grey met, 28k miles, full leather, cd, ew, a/c, stunning car**£19,975**

Estates, MPVs and 4x4s

- 02 02 SUZUKI Wagon R 1.3 GL Special 5dr. Silver met, 50k miles, rcl, a/c, e/w, alloys**£3,475**
04 04 HYUNDAI Matrix 1.8 CDX MPV. Silver met, full leather, rcl, ew, cd**£3,975**
04 04 SUZUKI Jimny J1X model 3-dr. Met red on silver, petrol 1.3, 18k miles, alloy wheels, roof rails, side steps, leather seats**£6,495**
06 56 CITROEN Picasso 1.6 HDI **TURBO DIESEL**. Met red, 36k miles, pas, a/c**£7,475**

£2,950 Only

All cars 12 months MoT, 6 months warranty,
serviced and valeted

- 03 03 FIAT Punto 1.2 Active. Met blue, 47k miles, pas, e/w**£2,950**
Y 01 RENAULT Scenic 1.4 16 valve Authentique, silver, 62,000 miles, e/w, rcl**£2,950**
53 03 MG ZT-T 120 Estate, met red, rcl, pas, 67,000 miles**£2,950**
03 03 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16 valve Expression, met black, low miles**£2,950**
51 01 TOYOTA Avenis **AUTO**. Sat nav, met gold**£2,950**
51 01 FORD Puma 1.6 3-dr, met green**£2,950**

Ex-Motability Cars USED CARS WITH NEARLY NEW MILES!



**07 07
VAUXHALL ZAFIRA
1.6 Club
15,000 miles,
star silver**

New Price **£14,995****OUR PRICE £8,495**Saving a massive **£6,500**

SELECTION OF VEHICLES AVAILABLE

Many, many more available to order

- 06 56 VAUXHALL Agila 1.2 Design 5dr. Silver met, only 1,900 miles!
New £8,975 Ours **£5,975 Saving £3,000**
06 56 RENAULT Megane 1.6 Dynamique 5dr. Met gold, only 3200 miles!
New £14,336 Ours **£6,475 Saving £7,861**
06 56 CITROEN C3 1.6 SX 5dr **AUTO**. Met blue, only 5200 miles!
New £12,182 Ours **£6,475 Saving £5,707**
06 56 FORD Fiesta 1.6 5dr Style Climate **AUTO**. Only 2,300 miles!
New £11,275 Ours **£6,775 Saving £4,500**
56 06 VAUXHALL Zafira 1.6 5dr Life (A/C) Blue met, only 4,900 miles!
New £14,975 Ours **£6,975 Saving £8,000**
06 56 VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 Life A/C **AUTO** 5dr. Panacotta, only 4,900 miles
New £14,975 Ours **£6,975 Saving £8,000**
06 56 FORD Fusion 1.6 Zetec Climate 5dr. Red met, only 2,000 miles
New £12,475 Ours **£6,975 Saving £5,500**
06 56 FORD Focus C-Max Zetec 2.0 **AUTO** 5dr. Met mintgreen, only 4300 miles!
New £17,172 Ours **£6,975 Saving £10,197**
06 56 NISSAN Micra 1.2 Sport 5dr. Grey met, only 2,500 miles
New £11,475 Ours **£6,975 Saving £4,500**
06 56 RENAULT Clio 1.6 Expression **AUTO** 5dr. Met blue, only 1760 miles!
New £12,475 Ours **£6,975 Saving £5,500**
06 56 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 5dr. Met black, only 2500 miles!
New £10,975 Ours **£6,975 Saving £4,000**
06 56 VAUXHALL Zafira 1.65 dr Life (A/C) Blue met, only 1,500 miles
New £14,975 Ours **£7,475 Saving £7,500**
06 06 RENAULT Grand Scenic 1.6 Dynamique. Red met, only 4,500 miles!
New £16,795 Ours **£7,475 Saving £9,000**
58 09 FORD Fusion 1.4 5dr Style **AUTO**. Red met, only 1,000 miles!
New £11,275 Ours **£7,475 Saving £3,500**
06 56 RENAULT Scenic 1.6 Dynamique **AUTO**. Gold met, only 2,700 miles
New £16,975 Ours **£7,475 Saving £9,500**
06 56 FORD Fiesta 1.6 Style Climate **AUTO**. Blue met, only 3,700 miles
New £11,475 Ours **£7,475 Saving £4,000**
06 56 FORD C-Max 2.0 Zetec **AUTO** MPV. Blue met, only 4,500 miles
New £17,475 Ours **£7,475 Saving £10,000**
06 56 FORD Focus 1.6 Sport 5dr. Blue met, only 5,600 miles
New £13,975 Ours **£7,475 Saving £6,500**
08 58 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Expression 5dr. Blue met, only 3,000 miles!
New £10,175 Ours **£7,975 Saving £2,200**
09 58 VAUXHALL Meriva 1.4 Life (A/C). Silver met, only 741 miles
New £12,975 Ours **£8,475 Saving £4,500**
09 58 VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.2 5dr Hatch. Black met, only 2,600 miles
New £10,475 Ours **£8,475 Saving £2,000**
08 08 HONDA Jazz 1.4 5dr SE. Blue met, only 4,800 miles!
New £11,475 Ours **£8,975 Saving £2,500**
09 09 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 5dr Life. Silver met, only 1,700 miles!
New £14,975 Ours **£9,475 Saving £5,500**
09 09 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 5dr club **AUTO**. Silver met, only 400 miles!
New £11,975 Ours **£9,475 Saving £2,500**
09 09 CITROEN Berlingo 1.6 HDi 5dr VTR. Blue met, only 2,200 miles!
New £12,475 Ours **£9,975 Saving £2,500**
09 09 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style+ 5dr. Black met, only 650 miles
New £12,97 Ours **£10,475 Saving £2,500**

**NOW OPEN
IN BRIDGEND**

BRIDGEND
PHONE 01656 650446
FAX 01656 649441
SOUTH RD/COWBRIDGE RD,
BRIDGEND CF31 3UL
bridgend@gills4cars.com

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Weekdays 9-7 Saturday 9-5
Sunday 10.30-4

Finance Available
ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



MAESTEG
PHONE 01656 733149
FAX 01656 735518
LLWYDARTH RD,
MAESTEG CF34 9EY
sales@gills4cars.com

**NOW OPEN
IN BRIDGEND**



GEM sport

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED AS ATHLETIC ARE TAUGHT BY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

ON a glorious spring afternoon, the Athletic welcomed the Galacticos of run-away division leaders Tonmawr to Newbridge Fields for their final home fixture of this campaign.

The visitors only needed a single point from their remaining matches to be mathematically certain of taking the title and assuring themselves of a place in the Welsh Premiership next season, but the Athletic had been in good form of late and had high hopes of taking a notable scalp in perfect conditions for open running rugby.

The home team knew they were going to be up against it when Tonmawr's kick off was not dealt with and play surged into the Athletic 22.

The ball was recycled quickly and a well-timed



Steve Lewis intercepts and the Nation brothers try to outstrip the referee.

pass put centre J Socino in for the opening score within 30 seconds.

This seemed to be the wake-up call that was needed for the Ath, and the following exchanges were fiery and keenly contested, with both teams being penalised for over-vigorous play.

Tonmawr managed to

catch Athletic full-back Stuart Morris in possession to take play back into the Athletic half, while the Athletic pack were under intense pressure at the scrum.

They were shunted off their own ball and Tonmawr scrum-half James Donovan sniped down the blind-side, chipped over the defence, re-gathered and touched down in the corner for a try, beautifully converted by experienced fly-half Luke Richards.

The Athletic again attacked with purpose as Matthew Morgan released Jonny Nation on the outside and when he looked inside he found Sean Williams in support.

He was hauled down just short, but Tonmawr gave away a penalty that Steve Lewis slotted over to open the home account.

Well directed kicks from Tonmawr eventually resulted in Steve Lewis' attempted clearance being charged down to set up a five-metre scrum for the visitors.

A quick drive by Tonmawr's Robert Hill sucked in the defence and allowed wing G John to touch down out wide for Richards to convert once more.

The Athletic continued to fight manfully and Tom Morgan drove through towards the posts where Tonmawr openside Ozoigwe held on and was sent to the sin-bin for 10 minutes; Steve Lewis kicked the

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC 18
TONMAWR 59

penalty.

If the Athletic thought they could use superior numbers to their advantage they were mistaken, as first Tonmawr's right wing Evan Frewen leapt high to gather an up and under and raced away to score and then centre, world sevens winner Tal Seley, pounced when another kick ahead was not dealt with, making the half-time score 33-6 in the visitors' favour.

At the start of the second half, things got worse when Jon Nation's attempted chip was caught by his opposite number, who passed inside to send Socino in for his second try from 40 metres out.

The Athletic were still trying to play their own brand of rugby and ran good ball for centre Hywel Davies to time a pass beautifully to put his young partner, Mathew Morgan, into space.

The Wales under-18 fly-half had it all to do, but weaved his way over the line from 40 metres out for a stunning try, converted by Lewis.

The home team gave away a penalty and Tonmawr kicked to the corner and efficiently drove over for another try.

The Ath were still competing vigorously and drove back a Tonmawr maul, causing the visitors to pass under pressure. Lewis intercepted and raced almost to the line before his pass was knocked down and into touch.

At the lineout, Jamie Doherty passed the ball back to replacement hooker Stuart Nation, who dived over in the corner.

The last word was the champions as they ran the length of the field, pulling the defence from one side to the other before flanker Ben Davies supplied the scoring pass to back-row partner Ozoigwe.

The final try came as the Athletic tried to attack from their own 22 and lost possession, allowing Tonmawr wing John to burst away and score.

Tonmawr were

delighted with their success and went away to celebrate in style while the Athletic can only take this defeat as a painful learning experience.

Although they were determined and combative throughout, their opponents were generally bigger and faster and made their superiority count at crucial times throughout the match.

The Athletic travel to Llangennech on Saturday for their penultimate fixture and will need to raise their spirits and get back to winning ways as they look for a good finish to the season.

Photograph courtesy of Glennsports.

Seven local boxers reach Welsh finals!



ABOVE:

PORHCRAWL and Pyle Amateur Boxing Club took part in the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) Championships. To read about the youngsters' success please turn to page 27.

Under-15s secure comfortable win

PORHCRAWL under-15s 25
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY A 0

IT was obvious from the start of the game that the Porthcawl XV were determined not to take a backward step, while the County XV were also keen to take up the challenge, with the ball being moved wide when possible.

Jack Williams, James Baynham and Ben Smith were menacing in the loose for Porthcawl, ably supported by Owen Wright and Keiron Black.

Ball was being secured at the breakdown thanks to the pace and guile of back row Adam Mounce, Dan Evans and the highly skilful Evan Williams.

The backs relished good ball and played a running game at every opportunity, and when the kicks were needed the ball was placed accurately and long by Josh White.

The centre combination of White and Mitchell caused havoc to the visitors' defence, ably supported by Geraint Watkins - the midfield battle was won by the impressive

Seagulls.

Connor Rees enjoyed the protection he was given by his forwards and probed and paired intelligently.

Out wide, Lloyd Rosser-Stanford was elusive, while Declan Brown was a solid performer. Michael Rawnsdon played safe, while his replacement in the second half, Matthews, enjoyed freedom of space to link superbly with his back line.

With the second half introduction of Jack Taylor and Emyr Wile, the continuity of set piece dominance and aggression in the loose continued, though in fairness to the visitors, they continually offered stubborn resistance.

Scorers were Lloyd Rosser-Stanford, Emyr Wile and Adam Mounce, and two penalties and two conversions by Josh White made the final score 25-0.

"The last three games have been hard fought victories - Mumbles away in the semi-final, Neath District and now this fine victory against Hampshire County," enthused coach Paul Brown.

PB

Southerndown ladies are off to a fine start



ABOVE: From left to right: winning team member Sarah Morris, ladies' captain Nikki Hughes and Kath Evans.

THE SOUTHERNDOWN ladies' captain, Nikki Hughes, held her charity open on Monday, April 19.

More than 80 ladies took part, coming from all over to support RNIB Cymru, this year's charity. More than £1,000 was raised on a beautiful day that was enjoyed by everyone involved.

The team event produced the following results (Southerndown members unless stated):

1st: Beryl Vaughan, Sarah Morris and Kath Evans - 94 points; 2nd: Gaynor Lavelle, Lee Brannon and Madeleine Hanford (Pyle and Kenfig) - 87; 3rd: Nikki Hughes, Caroline Kelly and Tina O'Sullivan - 86.

Nearest the pin: Chris Gill (just 2m 18cms!); longest drive bronze: Sheila Watts-Jones; longest drive silver:

Nikki Hughes. The only two was scored by Jean Broughton on the seventh and she left with all the golf balls, 36 in total.

Southerndown Ladies are flying high at the moment, the first team have kicked off the season with an excellent win over Glamorganshire, and Kath Evans and Caroline Kelly have beaten Royal Porthcawl in the Daily Mail Foursomes to take them through to the third round.

They were also the successful pair in the Australian Spoons competition and will compete for a place in the final at Rhondda Golf Club.

There's a busy golfing month ahead too, and also a spring ramble along the Heritage Coast to look forward to - let's hope the sun keeps shining.

Running club to be formed

A RUNNING club is being formed in Porthcawl, and necessary formalities are being progressed and a formal application for affiliation to Welsh athletics has been submitted.

The club colours have been developed for consistency with other sports clubs in Porthcawl, particularly the Porthcawl Rugby Club.

Agreement has been

reached with Porthcawl Rugby Club to share their clubhouse as a base, which provides male and female facilities.

Training sessions are on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.

The club will initially cater for adults and all standards are welcomed.

A club website is being developed, but in the meantime please email porthcawlrunners@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

Rain or shine...



Sandra Bale and staff extend a warm welcome to beginners and experienced golfers alike. See our resident golf professional, Steve Gough, for expert instruction.

- Nine-hole pay & play
- No membership fees
- No handicap necessary
- All weather floodlit driving range
- Professional tuition available
- Junior Group Lessons
- Senior and Ladies' Mornings
- PGA-approved golf shop
- All equipment available for hire
- LOYALTY SCHEME AVAILABLE

EXCELLENT VALUE

Weekdays: 9 holes £6.00, 18 holes £9.00

Weekends and bank holidays:

9 holes £7.00, 18 holes £10.50

Tel: 01656 647926

We're easy to find - off A48, opposite Bridgend Ford

Induction or improvement
£15 PER LESSON
£42.50 for 3
£80.00 for 6
Why not Book a course?

SPECIAL SAVER
Weekend Golf or Weekday Rates



CALLING ALL CLUB OFFICIALS!

The GEM welcomes your match reports, and other club items of interest.

Email them to: ggem@internet-today.co.uk